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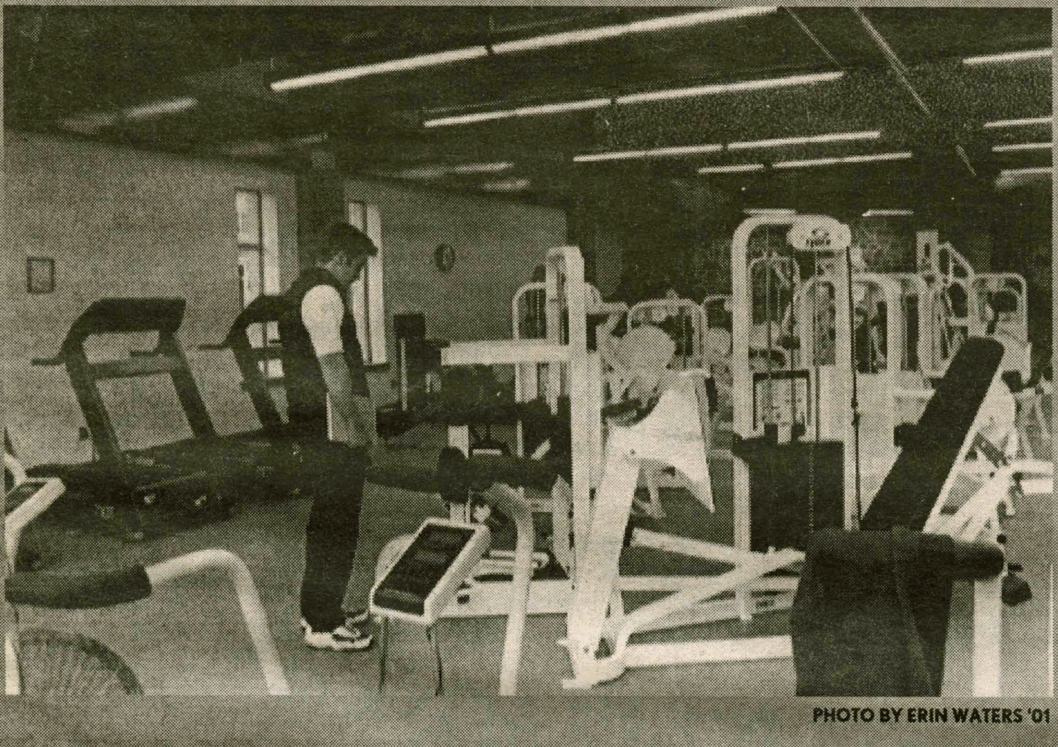
PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

A curious student takes an interest in the new equipment in the Ade Fitness Center. The Fitness Center was closed this week for the installation of the new treadmills and weight training equipment.

Alumnus Vilsack '72 elected governor of Iowa

by Lindy Roath '02
NEWS WRITER

Tom Vilsack '72 won the Iowa Governorship Tuesday, November 3,ending a 30 year Republican hold on the office. He is the first Democrat to be elected governor of Iowa since Harold Hughes won the post 32 years ago. Vilsack entered the race as the clear underdog, but gave it the old college try, and succeeded.

Winning the election was a result of "a lot of hard work and the message we had," Vilsack said.

"Vilsack's recent victory in the Iowa gubernatorial race provides another example of Hamilton alumni with long and distinguished contributions to public service," said President Tobin. "Whether one looks at the state and city governments, the halls of Congress and the White House, the foreign service and the judiciary, Hamilton graduates have left a remarkable legacy of excellence as elected and appointed officials."

A resident of Mt. Pleasant, Vilsack was born December 12, 1950 in Pittsburg PA, and was later adopted by Bud and Dolly Vilsak. He was raised in Pennsylvania, and graduated from Shady Side Academy, Hamilton College and Albany Law School, Union University.

He has served the last six years as a member of the Iowa Senate. From 1987-1992 he served as Mount Pleasant's mayor, stepping into the office after a gunman opened fire during a City Council meeting killing Mayor Ed King.

Coinciding with the College's emphasis on education, Vilsack's platform is strong on increasing education standards. He plans to start a volunteer parenting program, fully fund educational and health care needs of at-risk preschoolers, reduce class sizes in elementary schools and test students for competency. He wants to use $60 million in state gambling profits to create a revolving loan fund to help districts fix the 36 percent of Iowa

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Savett offers advice to pre-med students

by Meghan Hern '01
NEWS WRITER

The medicalprfession is one that is highly lauded and comes with much esteem This dream, however, is only realized by a few.

Dr. Laurence A. Savett recently presented a series of talks about becoming a physian and being a patient. Dr. Savett graduated from Hamilton in 1957, retired a year and a half ago from the University of Minnesota Medical school, and is currently working as a lecturer in biology at Malcaster College. Dr. Savett gave three lectures entitled, "Medicine as a Career", "What It's Like to be a Patient", and "Uncertainty in Medicine". The lectures were geared toward pre-med students, but the entire student body was encouraged and welcome to attend.

Dr. Savett, as an alumni, asked to come back to Hamilton and speak to the students. He not only spoke on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights, but also made himself available to students interested in talking with him about the various issues that a potential medical student, and eventual doctor must face.

Alysia Mihalakos '01, not only attended all three of the lectures, but met with him privately as well. As a premed student she said that, "He took a personal interest in my life and what I thought. He was so kind, laid back, funny and inspirational. It made me wonder where the rest of the people like that in the world are." Mihalakos also commented that she wished more people had attended the lectures and had the experience to hear a hamilton graduate who had been so successful.

As a small liberal arts school, it is not an uncommon question as to whether Hamilton is adequately preparing or encouraging those students who do express an interest in going on to practice

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SA works toward campus reform

by Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS WRITER

While implementing better ways of catering to students' needs and wants is the primary repsonsibilty of student assembly chairmen Dan Lieber '98 and Brian Murphy'01, insuring the quality of dining hall options has become a top priority for the Student Assembly in general.

Joe Cappa, manager of Bon Appetit and Chef Ron Beimel meet with the SA food committee monthly to discuss the various issues and concerns that arise throughout the semester.

The food committee compiles these concerns, sent by email, and consolidates them into a list of suggestions that are eventually incorporated into the dining halls.

Although the e-mails have helped Student Assembly to gain insight for improving dining quality, the student body is strongly encouraged to "speak up" if they have a problem. Bon Apetit employees are more than willing to try their best to accommodate the students' desire for reform, according to Lieber and Murphy.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Chef Ron Beimel and members of the Student Assembly discuss concerns and suggestions for dining on campus at a recent meeting.

The Culinary Palette, published by Bon Appetit, publicizes the feedback that the food committee has received from the e-mail surveys. Some of the changes that have been implemented include the stir fry bar in Commons, more visible signs that explain nutritional values of hot meals, waffle irons, steam rice cookers, and side salads served at the Diner.

Along with these additions, McEwen will also be featuring "Atypical Tuesday" for a change of pace, featuring breakfast at night, smoothies, Smores, a fajita bar and seafood extravaganza.

While the food commitee has been working hard to increase the quality of dining on campus, the

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SA eager to be voice of student body

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SA social committee has been brainstorming social options that don't include alcohol.

The construction of the new social space has been stirring much speculation. This new building will be located behind the Pub and adjacent to the Events Barn. The first floor will be for storage, office space, more bathrooms, and vending machines, and the second floor will house two new social spaces each a little larger than the size of North Court. One will resemble the size of the Bundy Dining Hall with a porch extending over the Root Glen.

This new social space is scheduled to be up and running by the Spring of 2000.

The Student Assembly is also scheduling an all-campus swing party for Dec. 11, to be held in Commons. It will include a sit down dinner, followed by a formal dance featuring a house band.

This is really a good idea, I'm really behind this," said Adam Abbate, social chair of SA. "It should be a good time without the inclusion of alcohol."

The final project that Student Assembly has been working on is the return of the Winter Carnival. Although indefinite as to the exact schedule of events for this lost Hamilton tradition, the CCC and Social Options Committee will be responsible for planning the weekend's festivities. They are hoping that ISC will also join in on the efforts and host a formal.

"We want it to be a weekend of fun things for the Hamilton Community." said Abbate. "My job is to try and expand the social options on campus without alcohol."

Students are encouraged by SA members to share their ideas for this event and any other ideas on Thursdays in the Events Barn between 12 and 1pm, when members will be on hand.

According to its leaders, Student Assembly has been working very hard to negotiate changes in the food and social options on campus. Through students' continuous feeback and suggestions, the Assembly will continue to bring reform to the Community.

Vilsack wins Iowa seat in final hours

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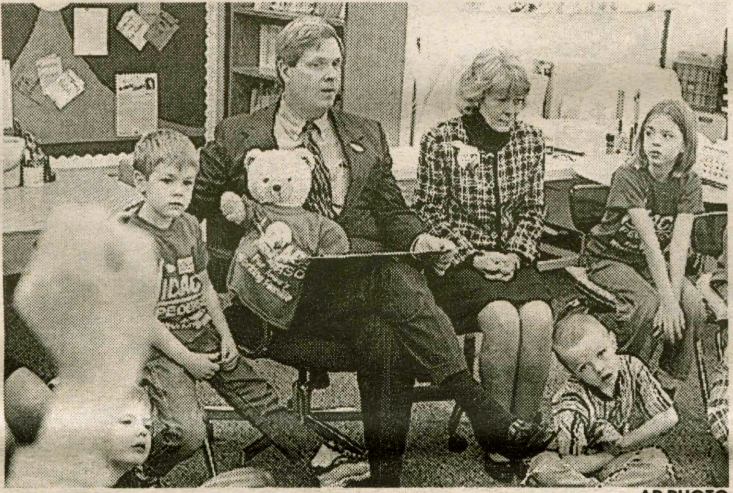
schools that do not meet safety codes.

Vilsack will also be working on tax relief and opposing the reinstatement of the death penalty, along with creating a health care "bill of rights." He wants to ban insurance-company discrimination in areas such as pre-existing conditions and ensure access to needed services in rural Iowa. He would also bar insurance companies from imposing "gag-rules" on doctors.

Vilsack met his wife Christine K'72 at Hamilton. They have two sons, Jess '00 and Douglas. Jess is among the first, if not the very first, of Hamilton students to follow both of their parents to the Hill.

The Vilsacks have helped raise funds for community projects, such as a new recreation center and funds for the Southeast Symphony. They have also done a lot of volunteer work for sports and music activities involving their sons.

"Regardless of political affiliation, I am sure that all Hamilton and Kirkland alumni/ae take special pleasure in acknowledging Tom and Christine Vilsack's electoral triumph," said President Tobin. "The fact that we can share this extraordinary achievement with their son Jess '00 gives special meaning to the College's commitment to communication and citizenship. We have come to expect great things from Governor-elect Vilsack, and I look forward to welcoming him and Christine back to College Hill to talk with us about the relationship between public service and liberal education."



AP PHOTO

Iowa gubernatorial candidate Tom Vilsack, accompanied by his wife Christie, speaks to first and fourth grade students at Van Allen Elementary School in Mount Pleasant, Iowa Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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Hamilton News Briefs

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Environmental Group sponsors 'No Driving Day'

In an effort to reduece gas consumption and pollution on campus, the Hamilton Action Environmental Group held its first ever No Driving Day this past Tuesday.

"HEAG came up with this idea last semester," said Jeff Evans '99. "This was one of the things we wanted to do this semester."

HEAG asked students to pledge not to drive a vehicle all day Tuesday, and to wear a green ribbon as a sign of support.

Evans and co-organizer Amanda Taylor '02 stated that they weren't sure of the origin of No Drving Day, but that they knew days like this have taken place before.

Assistant Director of ITS Debbie Quayle had e-mailed Evans to relay her support, and to tell him that when she studied in Sweden as a college student, every Sunday was designated as a no driving day. Not only did it save scarce gasoline and oil, it also taught people to reduce their dependence on cars and to be more creative when it came to transportation.

HEAG members were in Beinecke for 4 days, handing out the ribbons and collecting signatures as a promise to avoid driving. In all, between 250 and 300 students signed their banner.

Think Tank a chance to debate current issues

Think Tank is an opportunity to explore important issues in a discussion group format.

Started just five years ago by Keith Wandtke '98, Think Tank is a "political and social issues discussion group," according to coordinator Sarah Knapp '99. Think Tank was established as a venue in which people from diverse backgrounds could come together and debate different topics. Social issues and the realm of academia are often discussed.

Currently, the group meets every Friday at noon. A short presentation by the featured speaker is followed by a lively discussion about the issue. As Knapp has observed, "Discussions can become heated, but are never ugly."

The group has invited many professors to serve as presenters at the meetings this semester. In past years political personalities, media representatives and others from off-campus have led discussions.

In the future, Knapp would like Think Tank to sponsor a campus-wide discussion, possibly one or two each semester. "We have so many talented people on this campus, and sometimes we forget to use them as a resource," observes Knapp.

Get Ready Hamilton!

The 7th annual AIDS Run/Walk, sponsored by the Mohawk Valley AIDS Community Resource Center, will take place on campus on May 2, 1999. The fundraising event is an effort to promote awareness and sensitivity towards the illness, co-sponsored by the Class of '99.

Over 300 people are expected to travel to the Hill, and past walks held all over Central New York have raised thousands ofdollars for education, research and prevention.

Almost 100 volunteers will be needed, so please contact Tim Fazio '99, Andy Cook '99 or Katy Milmoe '99 to find out how you can help.

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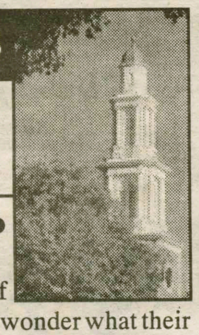

Web site allows parents to snoop

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Parents of Gettysburg College students don't have to wonder what their sons and daughters are doing on campus — they can log onto the Internet and find out.

Through a link on the college's Web site, parents can access their child's transcript, telephone bills and even bookstore purchases. The experimental program began about two weeks ago. Administrators say the idea is to assure parents that their children, attending from across the nation and around the world, are being taken care of well.

"I want to be involved, without being intrusive," said David Frohlich, whose son, Michael, is a political science major at the private liberal arts college.

The only caveat — parents can't see anything unless their children agree to it first.

"There was a moment of hesitation but with a little rational thought, it's not a big issue," said Michael Frohlich, 18, of Rochester, N.Y.

Eric Dixon, whose mother logs on to the college's Web site from her home in Chicago, agreed.

'There's nothing to hide from her," Dixon said. "I think she has access to bills, my grades."

Besides, he said with a shrug, "she's paying the bills."

Gettysburg's College Navigation project was created last year to give students a clearer picture of what is available on campus, such as course offerings, faculty, services and events.

Police cite alcohol in Cornell student's death

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — Alcohol consumption is suspected to have been involved in the Saturday morning death of David J. Wasdyke, 18, a Cornell University freshman.

According to the Ithaca Police Department, the body of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations student was found at 9:08 a.m. Saturday morning in the Fall Creek Gorge approximately 120 feet west of a suspension bridge that passes over the gorge.

"Wasdyke was last seen at approximately 3:00 a.m. that morning at an after-hours fraternity party. Alcohol appears to have been a factor in this incident," the police said in a press release.

James McPherson, assistant dean and director of student services in ILR, told The Cornell Daily Sun that Wasdyke was "walking alone along Fall Creek Drive when he accidentally tumbled into the gorge at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning."

Tompkins County Medical Examiner C. Judson Kilgore ruled that the death was accidental, according to the press release.

Cornell has not issued an official statement in response to the findings that Wasdyke was served alcohol at a fraternity party the night of his death.

In reaction to the fatal accident, the University has held support sessions for students at the ILR school and residents of Dickson Hall, Wasdyke's dorm, she added.

More men's basketball players choose NBA over B.A.

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — For the past eight years, the lure of million-dollar contracts has persuaded more men's basketball players to drop out of college in favor of short-term professional careers.

"We can sit around and talk about graduation ratios, but that's not realistic. It's all about money," said Gophers coach Clem Haskins. "You can't pass up an opportunity to make $50 (million) or $60 million dollars. Why would a young man wait until he is 60 or 70 to make a million dollars when he can become a millionaire at 19 or 20?"

In 1997, only 41 percent of men's basketball players across the country who received scholarships graduated within six years. That is 4 percent less than those who graduated in 1996, according to an NCAA survey released this month.

The NCAA reports that the University of Minnesota fared worse than the national average last year: only one player out of the four who entered the team in 1990-1991 graduated in six years.

The statistics don't allot for players who transfer to a different school — they're counted as nongraduates even if they graduate from their new school.

The numbers also don't allow for students who come back to school after their professional days are over.

WORLD NEWS

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Arab Nations join in warning Saddam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration today hailed a statement by eight Arab foreign ministers criticizing Iraq as evidence of "near unanimity" that Iraq's refusal to comply with U.N. resolutions would have serious consequences.

"The U.S. feels this is a pretty good indicator of where the key Gulf countries stand on the latest crisis," said State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.

At the same time, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott hinted if President Clinton decided to use force it might involve a series of attacks on Iraq.

"We have thought well beyond hour one, day one and week one," he said. "There are lots of ways we can make sure he loses on day one and thereafter."

Talbott said Clinton had not made a final decision. "This crisis can end peacefully," said the State Department official and former classmate of the president. Today, Clinton telephoned leaders in Germany, Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands, continuing to try to round up support among U.S. allies.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary William Cohen told a group of Navy officers: "We're not playing games any longer with Saddam Hussein. We're saying comply. A failure to comply could result in a military operation and we're hoping that doesn't take place."

And yet, the Pentagon chief said, "We're not seeking to go to war. We're seeking to avoid it. All he has to do is comply. The choice is his."

Israel attaches conditions to pact

JERUSALEM (AP) — After ratifying the latest peace accord with the Palestinians, Israel announced today it would begin construction of a large Jewish neighborhood in a sector of Jerusalem claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital.

Palestinian negotiators denounced the construction plans, as well as a decision by Israel's Cabinet to attach a series of conditions to the accord signed in Washington on Oct. 23. They demanded the United States intervene.

U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross is returning to the region to supervise implementation of the land-for-security agreement. His first stop is a meeting Friday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"It is now crucial to have the American side join us ... to oversee implementation of the agreement," Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said. "We will not accept any post-agreement negotiations."

Still, Arafat was pleased when Israel approved the accord after two weeks of delay. Arafat broke into a huge smile and gave a thumbs up when his aides told him of the Cabinet vote late Wednesday, said Jerusalem Post editor Jeff Barak.

Israel is to withdraw gradually from 13 percent of the West Bank by the end of January, in exchange for a Palestinian crackdown on Islamic militants.

In a first stage, Israel is to withdraw from 2 percent of the West Bank on Monday.

Canada military fights 2000 bug

TORONTO (AP) — Imagine a sudden series of blackouts across the vast expanse of Canada in the depths of a frigid winter, coupled with a breakdown in air travel and phone service.

Far-fetched, perhaps, but Canada's armed forces are drawing up detailed plans to cope with such a scenario, just in case the Millennium Bug really does wreak havoc with vital computer systems on Jan. 1, 2000.

The effort is called Operation Abacus, after the ancient Chinese calculator that is glitch-proof and hand-powered.

In the past 18 months, Canada's military has become a specialist in handling domestic natural disasters. It conducted its biggest-ever peacetime deployments in response to the 1997 Red River flood in Manitoba and a crippling ice storm in Quebec and Ontario last January.

The Millennium Bug could spawn chaos requiring an even bigger deployment — or cause virtually no disruption at all. The problem lies in the dating system used by many computers. If they are not corrected, the computers may read Jan. 1, 2000 as Jan. 1, 1900.

The military is taking no chances. Planning ranges from use-of-force guidelines in case looting breaks out to the potential need for extra flashlights and batteries in the event of widespread power outages.

"You're trying to prepare for just about everything that could go wrong," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Agnew, spokesman for Operation Abacus. "It could be pretty cold — so you could be called upon to do a lot of things."

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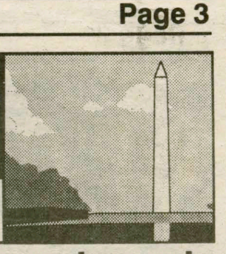

Three charges against McDougal tossed

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A judge today threw out three of the 12 counts against Susan McDougal and said the prosecution had failed to show she could have embezzled any more than $50,000.

Ms. McDougal had been accused of taking $150,000 from her former employers, conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy.

Superior Court Judge Leslie Light said it was "certainly possible" that Ms. McDougal embezzled all the money but that had not been proven.

The ruling came as the nine-week trial was about to enter closing arguments.

By reducing the amount alleged in the main grand theft charge, the judge reduced Ms. McDougal's potential sentence by three years. She now faces a total of four years if convicted on all nine remaining counts.

In addition to setting the figure at $50,000, he dismissed three counts: two of making a false financial statement and one of using a forged or revoked bank card.

There had been no evidence that Ms. McDougal represented herself to anyone but herself when she applied for a Bank of America MasterCard in her name and that of Mrs. Mehta, the judge said. There also was no evidence presented that the card had been forged, expired or revoked when Ms. McDougal used it.

"The penal code is not designed to take a given situation and spin it into as many felonies as possible," Light said.

Can Gingrich be contender in 2000?

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich is leaving Congress, but that's no reason to count him out of the presidential sweepstakes.

Gingrich isn't saying whether he will run for president in 2000. His closest advisers say he won't decide for weeks or months. But as he ponders his future, picking up the pieces from disappointing midterm elections, Republicans are debating whether Gingrich could be a serious contender.

Supporters argue that Gingrich is still one of the party's best fund-raisers and a leader with "big ideas" who energizes audiences like no other Republican, including poll-topping Gov. George W. Bush of Texas.

Gingrich "has such incredible energy and intellect that he would have the ability to drive the race by his very presence," said Tom Rath, a New Hampshire party leader who is helping former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander position for the 200 race.

But others say Gingrich is too scarred by the wars o Washington to make a serious run.

''It would defeat everything he's achieved with his gracefu exit from the House,'' said Republican media consultant Ale Castellanos of Alexandria, Va. Gingrich has been the GO ``point man'' for too long, he said.

Exit polls Nov. 3 showed that nearly six of every 10 voter nationwide viewed Gingrich unfavorably.

Talbott: U.S. not favoring Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The partial lifting of U.S. sanction against India and Pakistan will give more financial relief t Pakistan but does not reflect any political tilt against Indi Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said Thursday.

Responding to criticism in India of the stress U.S. official are putting on helping Pakistan, Talbott said, "Clear-eye Indians realize it is very much in India's interest that Pakista remain" stable.

Actual lifting of the sanctions, announced last week by th White House, will take place "very soon," Talbott said in speech to the Brookings Institution. The action will open th way for U.S. investments and lending in both countrie resumption of military-to-military education and trainin programs, and U.S. support for International Monetary Fun loans to Pakistan.

All are prohibited under sanctions required by law aft both countries conducted nuclear bomb tests in May.

India has called for an end to all sanctions, and a Foreig Ministry statement said comments by some U.S. officials lifting the sanctions have been "selective and discriminatory

Talbott noted that Pakistan is worse off economically th India.

"Our Pakistani friends are in very dire economic strai India is not in a comparable crisis," he said, denying a favoritism toward Pakistan.

Talbott criticized both countries for ignoring world opini in trying to develop nuclear weapons and warned against dangerous Cold War-style faceoff.

SECURITY blotter

Compiled By Scott Von Duhn '01

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

12:31 a.m. Smoke detector sets off fire alarm at Griffin Road apartments.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

1:20 a.m. Criminal mischief reported in Dunham.
2:56 a.m. Fire alarm pulled in North.
5:58 p.m. Medical emergency reported on Mason Field.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

2:31 a.m. Smoke detector triggers a fire alarm in Griffin Road apartments.
12:36 p.m. Medical emergency reported in Milbank.
5:15 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Campus Road.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 a.m. Larceny reported on Steuben Field.
8:45 p.m. Medical emergency is reported in Dunham.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:35 a.m. Medical emergency is reported in Dunham.
10:32 p.m. Medical emergency reported in Babbitt.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:00 a.m. Larceny of personal property reported in South.
2:00 p.m. Harrassment complaint issued from Bundy West.
2:00 p.m. Larceny of college property reported in KJ.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

3:36 p.m. Fire alarm set off in the Science Building.

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Numbers down for medicine, students exploring other options

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medicine. Pre-med advisor andSilas D. Childs Professor of Chemistry Robin Kinnel did not have exact numbers available as to how many students applied to medical school last year, but estimated between 20 and 25.

Kinnel stated that the shrinkage of numbers over the past couple decades has been comparable to the shrinkage of numbers at other small liberal arts schools. He said that the pattern is being experienced for various reasons.

Kinnel emphasized the fact that the decision to apply to medical school is a complicated one that depends on a number of factors.

He cited the MCATS, which is an incredibly competitive exam as one possible discouragement. Kinnel also made reference to the importance and weight of one's GPA, stating that a student needed to be at least in the top third of their class even to be considered for medical school.

The MCATS and the GPA are two items that eliminate a number of students who have simply been thinking about medical school.

Over the last thirty years a growing trend has pointed toward a decrease in the interest in becoming a primary care physian and an increase in fields such as research. Hamilton students in the late 1990s have demonstrated a growing interest in research careers.

Today there are a wider variety of choices than there were thirty years ago. One can go into the medical field without necessarily becoming a doctor. Some of these options include nurse practioner and physician's assistant rather than the traditional choice of dentist, doctor or vetinarian.

A number of students also enter college with the intention of going to medical school, and change their minds once confronted with choices and options that they had not considered.

Chris Vogth-Eriksen '99 said, "I knew I wanted to be a doctor since I was a freshman in high school." Yet, the fall semester of his junior year, after completing all of his requirements, he decided against attending medical school. "You have to really want to do it." Vogth-Eriksen plans on working as a research technician for a year, then attending graduate school and eventually going into pharmaceutical research.

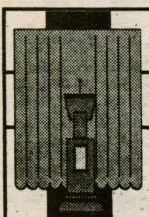
"In fact many of my friends are making similar decisions."

Mihalakos said that she wished the Hamilton pre-med program was a little more structured.

He said that although she has run into a few problems with scheduling and trying to fit all of her requirements in, she agrees with Dr. Savett who stressed that a small liberal arts education will give students the edge that they need once they advance in their schooling. Mihalakos said that going premed at a small liberal arts school is, "difficult but not impossible as long as you have the drive."

Dr. Savett had nothing but praise for his education at Hamilton. Kinnel said that it was Savett's own decision to come and share his experiences with interested students. Savett, who took German all four of his years at Hamilton, made reference to the importance of knowing other languages, not simply for one's own benefit, but for the benefit of the patient. He stressed the importance and necessity of dealing with patients in a way that clearly demonstrated and outlined their options. He stressed not only the importance of dealing with patients, but dealing with those people that the patient is close to, and whom the patient's illness will no doubt affect greatly. Over the three nights of lectures, the common thread seemed to be finding a happy medium between technical excellence and bedside manner. In his final discussion, Savett remarked that, "caring needs emanate from the patient's story."

Calendar

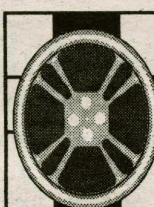


LECTURES

The Kirkland Project will sponsor a lecture given by breast cancer researcher Dr. Ana Soto on Monday Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

The Kirkland Project will sponsor a Brown Bag lunch on Tuesday Nov. 17 at 12 p.m. in the Fireplace Room, Beinecke Student Activities Village. Professor Erol Balkan of the Economics Department and Professor Henry Rutz of the Anthropology Department will speak about aspects of their joint research project in Turkey.

The Science Department will sponsor the Ralph & Doris Hansmann Lecture, "The Magnificent Universe," by Yervant Terzian, Professor and Chair, Department of Astronomy, Cornell University at 8 p.m. in the Science Auditorium on Thursday Nov. 19 at



FILM

The Foreign and Fine Film Society will sponsor a screening of "Vanya on 42nd Street" on Friday Nov. 13 and Sun. Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday Nov. 14 at 10 p.m. in KJ Auditorium.

The Hamilton Classic Film Society will present "High Noon" starring Gary Cooper on Friday Nov. 13 at 10 p.m., Saturday Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in KJ

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The Performing Arts will sponsor the Fall Theatre Production "Pilgrims of the Night" by Len Jenkin in Minor Theater Friday Nov. 13 through Sunday Nov. 15, and Wednesday Nov. 18 through Sunday Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance on Saturday Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

On Saturday Nov. 14 Emerson Gallery will sponsor speaker William H. Luers '51 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. Luers, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art will speak on: "A Dozen years at the Met."

The Performing Arts will sponsor the rock opera *Ravenshead* on Sunday Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. in Wellin Hall. *Ravenshead* is the premiere collaboration between librettist Rinde Eckert and composer Steve Mackey, with live music performed by the Paul Dresher

CHECKITOUT

On Saturday Nov. 14 CAB will sponsor mentalist Craig Karges at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn. Karges is truly extraordinary! *Performance Magazine* calls his performances "The next era in mystery entertainment." His performance is an extraordinary blend of mystery, humor, psychology and intuition. Karges dazzles the mind as he challenges his audience to question what is real and what is unreal, what is possible and what is impossible.

Contract Services will sponsor "A Little Jazz," featuring Bob Lee and friends, in the Little Pub on Wednesday Nov. 18 at 9 p.m.

HAVOC will sponsor the OXFAM Program on Thursday Nov. 19. Students can sign off any or all of their meals for Thursday, and the money will be donated to Oxfam (a non-profit organization that fights worldwide hunger and poverty). Look for sign-ups in Beinecke the week of November 16th, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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The Spectator Index

by Dan McAllister '99
FEATURES WRITER

Percentage of incoming students who characterized Hamilton as "fun" one year before the Residential Life decision: 51%

Percentage of incoming students who characterized Hamilton as "fun" this year: 8%

Percentage of last year's senior class who were "strongly dissatisfied" or "generally dissatisfied" with social life at Hamilton: 63%

Percentage of seniors at eight "peer institutions," similar small colleges with which Hamilton compares itself, who were dissatisfied with social life at their school: 29%

Number of events and activities on campus in a typical week in November, according to a Hamilton Admissions Office brochure: 50

Number of events and activities listed in *The Spectator's* calendar last week: 10

Percentage of Hamilton Students who are dissatisfied with the cultural diversity on campus: 71%

Sources:The College Board, the Hamilton Senior Survey, Unidex Research Enrollment Survey, Hamilton Admissions Office brochure

Statistics can be twisted, but they can't be denied

by Dan McAllister '99
FEATURES WRITER

I love statistics. You can twist them, push an agenda with them, you can even lie with them. Most importantly, though, you can never argue with them.

When Louis Lapham became editor of Harper's Magazine, the instant popularity of his "Harper's Index" showed all of us statistics buffs that we weren't alone. Every month, the index has about 50 humorous and or disturbing facts, all conveyed with numbers.

Reading the index, we learn, for example, that no country with a McDonald's franchise has ever declared war on another country with a McDonald's franchise, or that the sale of "Three Stooges" merchandise has gone up 300% since 1995.

Inveterate fans of the original index know that there is a certain bit of black humor which pervades, and I will try to retain that flavor here as much as possible and as long as I can keep finding new material. Also, each week there will be some sort of theme to the statistics.

If you have any statistics or ideas about future themes, submit them to *The Spectator* via campus mail.

Faculty considers sophomore seminar

by Lou Insel '01
FEATURES WRITER

Things are happening on the hill, big things. The entire curriculum of the college, the essential skeleton of the institution, is under renovation. In a meeting on May 19th the faculty ratified a proposal outlining some of the sweeping changes to come. Although no specifics were decided, three general proposals were approved. Among them, a change in the college's goals, an increase in small classes, and perhaps most revolutionary, a sophomore seminar.

As you might expect, the proposed changes in the curriculum have sparked heated debate. The sophomore seminar has been at the center of a lot of this conflict. Originally the idea for some sort of seminar in the sophomore year was broached with little to no details about what it was. A number of faculty objected and the bill was brought back to the drawing board to be polished and tried again.

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The current incarnation of the proposed sophomore seminar still contains few details. It is to be (according to Pat Reynolds head of the Committee on Academic Policy, or CAP) an "interdisciplinary course taught in the second semester of the sophomore year. A topic would then be picked that would expand outside of the course and could, as work, include a 4-5 page paper and a fifteen minute oral presentation accompanied by a question and answer session."

Professor Reynolds is a good source to talk to, since he is integral to the passage of this proposal. As head of the CAP he presides over the discussions that will shape the actual "catalogue copy" of the seminar. The Catalogue Copy is akin to the bible among the faculty and Administration. Once a sentence has gone down in it, it must be implemented immediately. All this said, it's pretty easy to see where the faculty's trepidation over passage of any piece of catalogue copy comes from.

Much of this trepidation was evident when the first form of the seminar was offered and soundly struck down. "They asked us to put something in place before we knew how to do it." Said Professor Charlotte Beck, referring to the original proposal for the seminar. Beck was among a few faculty members to voice their worries over how the proposal would actually be handled. The seminar, being a course that would be required from all sophomores, would need more faculty to handle the load. That would mean more teachers hired, and plenty of major reshuffling of work to compensate for the extra burden.

There are definite arguments in favor of the Seminar. The alleged goal of the seminar is to increase academic rigor. Professor Reynolds described it as attempting to "focus on the first two years of college:, rigor, intensity-these are good words to use." Dean Paris was quoted as saying the seminar would cause "higher quality work from the very beginning, instead of at the end." What underlies much of this sophomore year focus is the so-called "sophomore slump".

The slump is said to occur when the energy of freshman year has worn off. Students are said to start to slack off a little, and in general wander, until the eventual declaring of a major at the end of the second semester. The idea behind the seminar is to have the academic experience be almost as intense during the second semester of sophomore year as it is at the end of senior year. A number of differing opinions result from the idea of increasing intensity in the second year.

One source, who chose to remain anonymous made mention of the college's wallet being the greatest factor. Jim Grant 'oo said "I've been locked out of Introductory drawing four semesters in a row, getting classes is hard enough." Other student sources see the seminar as a thinly veiled attempt to curtail social life on campus, especially that which occurs during the middle of the week.

Dean Paris, when asked about his opinion on whether the seminar would hurt social life said that he didn't see "any real social consequences". He went on to offer up a counterpoint to the idea that increased work intensity would lead to poor work quality " I don't see how increasing rigor would decrease quality. Rigor equals quality. Higher quality work can come from rigor."

By and large, there were numerous takes on the proposed seminar. But the one nearly unanimous faculty opinion was that a new curriculum would be good for the college. "Hamilton has to compete. If it were old-hat the best students wouldn't want to come here." Said Professor Beck. Professor Reynolds also commented about the need for a change. "Regardless of what is passed, self examination is a healthy, important process in terms of our (the faculty's) professional responsibilities."

Despite all this turmoil and doubt, the faculty trudges on. Next week on Tuesday, a faculty meeting will take place to vote on proposal B, which concerns smaller class sizes. If Proposal B is ratified, the faculty will then turn to take on the issue of the sophomore seminar. The possiblity of quick passage of the various proposals, especially the seminar, is doubtful. As Professor Reynolds pointed out, big curriculum changes haven't happened in ten years, "and there are some that would say they haven't happened in thirty years." One things is for certain, and that is that change will come. The seminar has its proponents, but whether or not it will actually materialize is uncertain. But as Professor Rick Werner pointed out, "I don't see how they'll do it."

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Irregular Ramblings

Revisionist History

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

How do we know which parts of history to believe and what not to? Can you believe in things that you can't experience with your own senses? Probably, but you shouldn't take them too seriously. What really happened before the Declaration of Independence was written? For all we know, it was devised as a joke one drunken evening by a bunch of moonshiners, and then was chosen as the official document for our nation later on, when there was a possibility of someone taking it seriously. There's a strong possibility that everything which we are doing right now will be the subject of revisionist history when we tell our friends and families about our college years somewhere down the road.

"This was a great paper that you wrote for your English class your sophomore year. You must have worked pretty hard on it, huh, dad?"

"Of course. I had to work hard at everything I did in college. It wasn't easy or fun, but it got me where I am today. I analyzed that text extensively for weeks before the paper was due, and wrote at least five papers before choosing that one to submit. I went in and talked to my professor every day of the semester. All our conversations were very serious, because the grade competition at Hamilton was so fierce. I only got a B plus because there were other students who went to visit the author of the book to get feedback on their papers from her. Those students got A's, and they damn sure deserved them."

"But when your friends from college were here, you talked about how much fun those years were, and how you enjoyed writing your papers sometimes, but would always stay up the whole night before they were due writing them."

"No, we were just kidding around. We don't like to talk about the way college really was, because the work was so intense and draining that it can be painful to bring up."

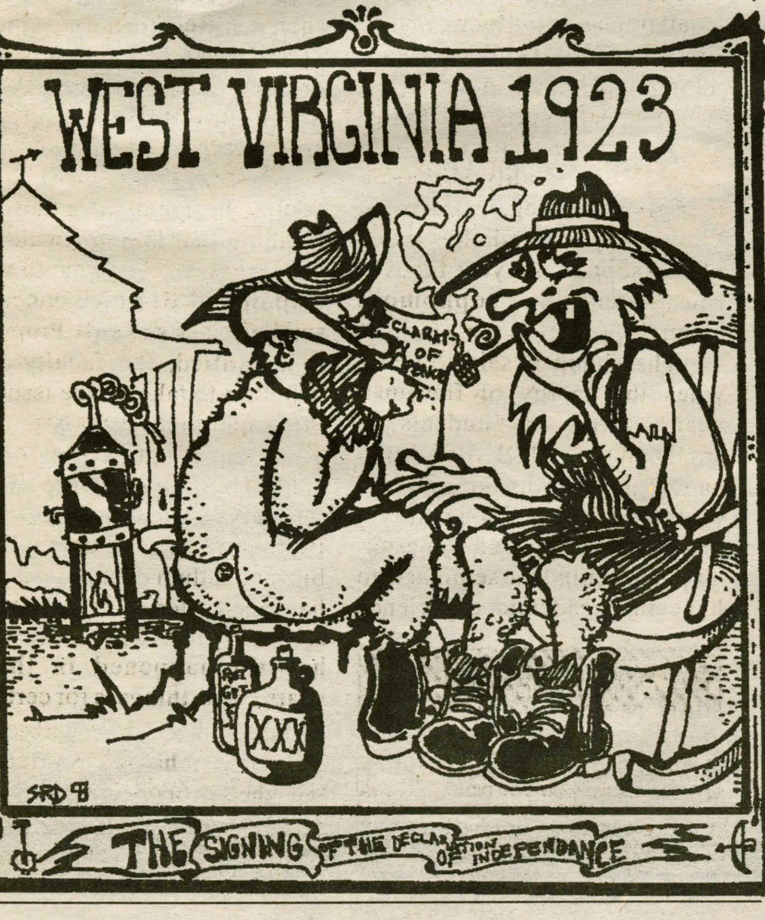
"These pictures of you and your friends in college are pretty interesting, Bill. They all seem to be taken in the same bar. Did you have a drinking problem back then?"

"No, no. This is funny, actually, those pictures were all taken during one month when my friends and I were trying to make this public service film about the risks of drinking. It was never released because we didn't feel that our simulated behavior was a strong enough image to warn people with. I mean, we weren't even drink alcoholic drinks in those pictures, of course. One of my friends went on to make a film of real alcoholics in rehab clinics and on the streets. Unfortunately, he suffered a tragic accident in the process of making the film. sniff! I miss him still."

"So where are the pictures of what you really did in college?"

"Another tragedy! The pictures of my friends and I doing what we really enjoyed, like volunteering in offices around campus and showing school spirit, were destroyed by water damage when the project I developed to grow organic vegetables hydroponically leaked all over my room."

"I see. Are you sure you went to college in the 1990's that I went to college in?"



FACES IN THE CROWD

Professor Mitchell Stevens

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES WRITER

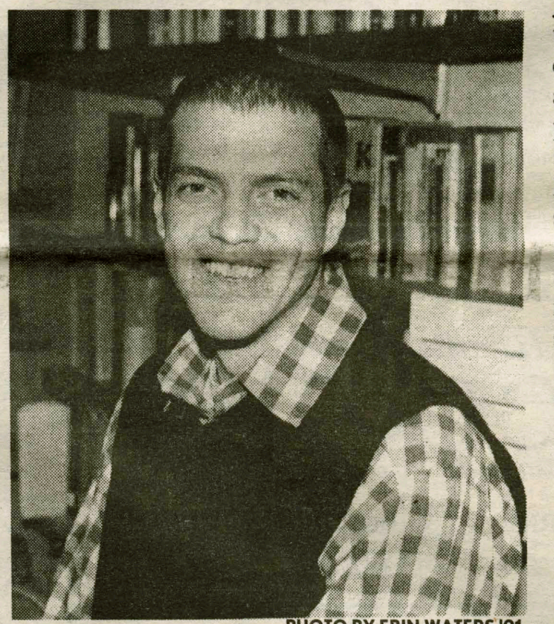
After having taught at Hamilton for three years, it appears that Mitchell Stevens is coming into his own. Stevens is the epitome of a professor who allows his passion for sociology to contribute to both work and of play. He sees sociology as a subject that is fascinating because it applies to the real world.

He hopes that students will appreciate the relevance that sociology has to their lives, and how helpful it can be in understanding their own situations. He commented that understanding sociology explains questions such as, "Why am I unpopular?",""Why are fraternities and sororities considered so cool? " and "Why are the dining halls racially segregated?" He continued to demonstrate his passion for the subject when he said, "Sociology is intriguing because it doesn't allow you to take things for granted and it allows you to think of things in novel ways. It is fun to take something that people take for granted, and then turn it upside down. These can be things like assumptions about women and men, wealth and poverty, and right wing and left wing politics. Sociology is immensely satisfying as an intellectual enterprise."

Stevens is currently teaching a Seminar in Sociology and is one of four professors that are teaching a course called American Society. Stevens didn't just fall into the profession of teaching at the college level. In fact, he says that he,"always knew that this was what he wanted to do." Although he explored the ideas of becoming a freelance writer, magazine editor, and full-time researcher of sociological issues, it was after his first semester of college that he knew for sure that he wanted to teach. Although he apparently inherently knew that he always wanted to teach, he didn't always know what he wanted to teach.

However, Stevens believes that his childhood and family experience contributed to his choice of study. He explains,"I grew up in a conservative and religious family. College provided the opportunity for me to be exposed to the ideas beyond those of my family. I always knew that there was a difference between my parents thoughts on the world and those of my friends. College allowed me to think harder and to make sense of this difference." As an undergraduate at McAlester University, Stevens was asked one day to list a possible major. He laughs as he recalls,"I put down sociology because it sounded nice. Then I took an introduction class, and everything went from there.""

Stevens's memories of his own college days and his experience now of being on the other side of the desk inspire him to compare hhis time as a student to the Hamilton student. He believes there are differences, but that they must be considered in context. He explains,"For one thing, the culture of the time was different. The 80's, when I was in college, were not the most politically active decade. Also, my school was highly politicized. I remember my friends and I used to joke that we couldn't go into the Student Union without being asked to sign a petition. It was cool to be issues-oriented, in both campus arguments and global issues. One big issue of the time was South Africa and the apartheid. We were all active thinkers, but we didn't study that hard." Stevens believes that Hamilton is just the opposite. He commented,"our community is the reverse. Students care about their work, but they seem to be less motivated by issues. My college was more oriented to the world beyond its borders."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Professor Mitchell Stevens

However, Stevens wants to clarify that his observation is not necessarily a criticism of our campus community. He explains, "I think it is just a matter of self-selection. There is a wide variation in motivation in schoolwork and commitment to anything in particular. Some students here have strong passions, and others do not. Hamilton students make a clear distinction between work and play. This is okay, except that it can cause students to see school as something that they need to do rather than that they want to do." Although it is possible to consider Stevens as critical of the community, he is definitely constructively critical. He is also very confident of the potential that Hamilton has to be even better. In fact, he didn't even hesitate to say,"Hamilton has all the raw materials to be the best. It can be as good as any college in the country if it stops worrying about what the other guy is doing. The opportunities for students and faculty and the resources that we have could allow anyone to do anything that they want."

The idea that the community should become less concerned with the competition and their reputation is one in which Stevens believes in strongly. He explains,"I think college-wide we should take more risks, with both the curriculum and with scholarships. We should think broadly about the place that Hamilton could be. We should stop worrying about the peer institutions and start taking more risks, both academically and socially." Stevens theorizes that everyone on campus-the students, the faculty, and the administration all possess this unfortunate risk aversion.

Stevens also urges everyone here to remember to appreciate (and to act accordingly) all the opportunities and privileges that we all have. He explains,"I would like to make the college less complacent. We should be sure not to take the quality of this place for granted. I would also liked to be sure that students realize the power they have to make things happen here." Stevens's style of teaching is never just an accident. He chuckled as he explained,"Nothing ever just happens. I believe that what happens in the classroom is both largely and partly due to the professor. I try to meet students partway. I feel I have the responsibility to show students what sociology has to offer them, and that they have the responsibility to show sociology what they have to offer it. The classroom is a way of giving students a lot of information, and also an opportunity to have a conversation between sociology and us. There is an important interrogative component to class. I want students to recognize my empathy, intellectual flexibility, and curiosity."

Steven's yearning for intellectual stimulation goes beyond the classroom. He is especially devoted to reading and travel, although he admits that his other passions include "cooking, running, and watching videos."
There is undoubtedly insight into his personality when you consider that he is looking forward to reading a book called *Cigarettes and the Sublime* by Richard Klein. The book, he believes, defines the "emergence of the pleasure of smoking in Western Culture and an elaborate analysis of the pleasures of smoking." And what about this unique piece of literature intrigues him? He smirks as he admits,"It is part of my extended therapy since I recently quit smoking after many years."

He is, indeed, an honest intellectual. And a content one too. He smiles as he says,"be careful what you wish for, because you might just get it!" Stevens couldn't be more enthusiastic about his work if he tried. He raves, "teaching at colleges like Hamilton is the best job in the world."

EDITORIAL

Sacrifice today for a better tomorrow

This week, we shift our focus from the narrow confines of our third floor Bristol office to a matter of international concern, the environment.

Last Thursday the United States signed the Kyoto treaty at an environmental summit in Argentina. The treaty would require signatories to radically reduce greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide, by 2008-2012. Deputy Ambassador Burleigh's signature affirms our nation's agreement with the principles established in the treaty, but it does not signify a *commitment* to these goals. Ratification in the Senate is required to make the treaty law. The administration, however, will not pursue ratification of this controversial treaty in the Senate until developing countries agree to participate. Considering that developing countries have fewer resources and less money than the U.S., this could take *years*.

Every major industrial nation has signed the treaty, but only one nation has ratified it – Fiji. It is absolutely absurd that a superpower like the United States can't take a decisive stand, a leading role in environmental policy. Instead, the White House offers hollow statements about reaffirming "America's commitment to work with the international community to turn the broad concepts of the Kyoto Protocol into working realities" (CNN, Thursday, November 12, 1998).

The real reason President Clinton will not send the treaty to the Senate is because of its potential economic ramifications. According to research by the Energy Department, the implementation of the treaty would cost Americans billions of dollars and millions of jobs. The basic argument is easy to follow. If the government regulates that industry use more expensive energy sources (i.e. non-fossil fuels), production costs will rise. These costs will be passed directly to the consumers in the form of higher prices on almost all goods. These higher prices would quickly lead to inflation.

The Clinton administration is giving itself the proverbial pat on the back, making statements about how important it is that we signed the treaty, showing our leadership position. But if we were true leaders, the U.S. would sacrifice today to make sure that our environment is healthy tomorrow.

The extreme weather of recent years should be a wake up call to the global community. Global warming is a real threat. So real that the U.S. government cannot put economic concerns before the environment forever. At some point the government will have to face the fact that it is more important to have a clean, healthy environment rather than a negative inflation rate.

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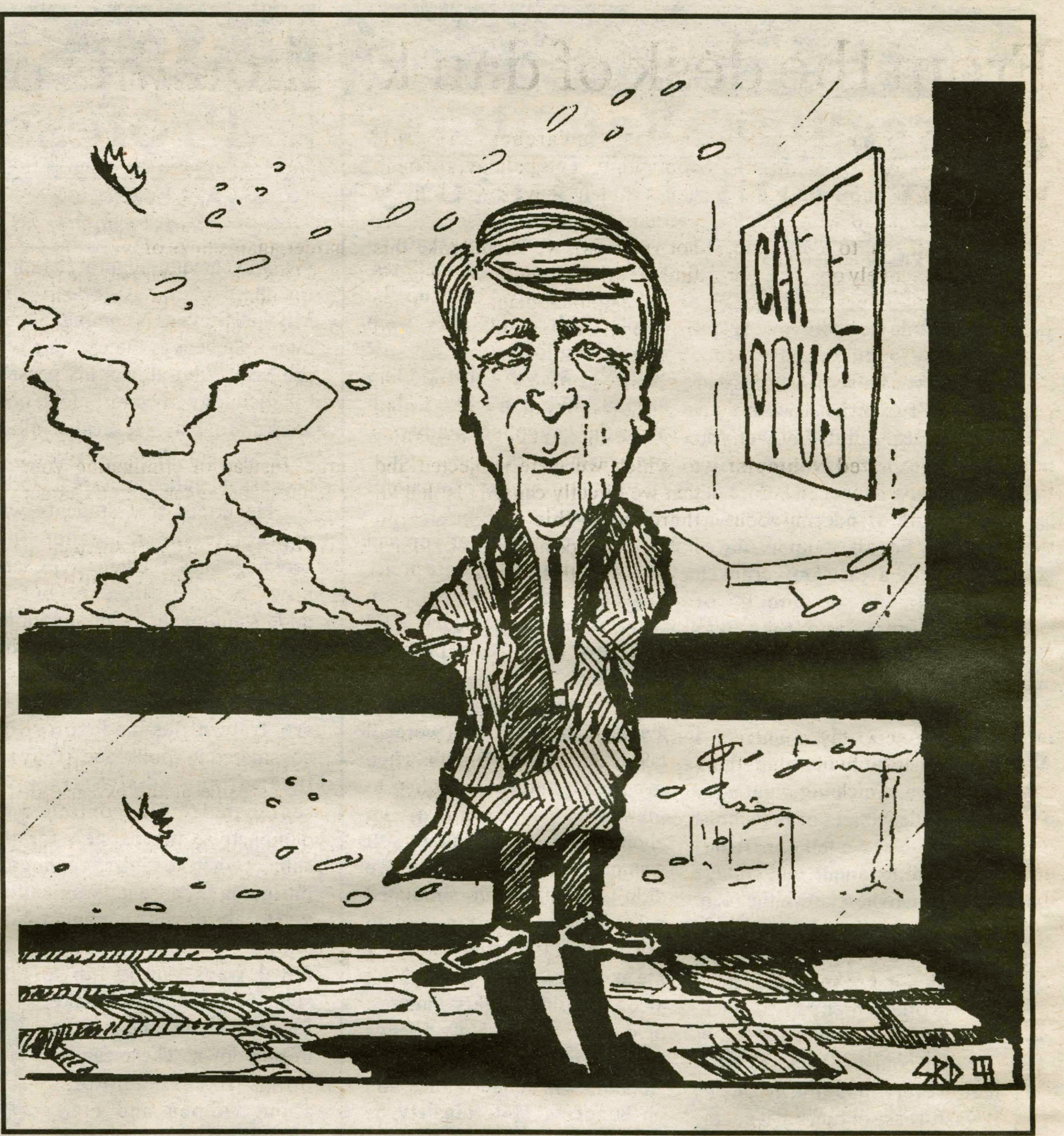


How to challenge yourself with a canole

STEVE GUDITUS
RANDOM THOUGHTS

See, it all started, when I was sitting in my room. I was doing work, and decided that I had no life. The answer? Go out and take advantage of something on this campus. It's there, I figure, so why not relax and learn something? I started thinking about what was in the Daily Bull, and remembered that it was something-week. I couldn't remember what...Environmental week?

No...Oh, right, it was Rainbow Alliance Week. I remembered that the speaker in the barn was a man who came out while in his fraternity at college.

My initial thought: Wow, that sounds interesting. I am kind of ashamed of the thought which followed. I thought to myself, "I can't go, people will think I am gay." How sad is that? I actually thought to myself that I can't do something because of what someone else may think? When have I ever not done or not done something because I cared what people thought?

OK, last year I didn't jump out of my second story Dunham window when someone dared me, but that was different, very different...

I decided to make my way down to the barn. There I was, all snug in my seat in the back row, and realized I was a little uncomfortable. OK, let's face it, I was totally uncomfortable. So, I decided to challenge myself. I went to the third row. Woah...now we're getting serious here. Third row, I must be gay now. Shane, the speaker, walked in, asked me if I wanted any scones; I said "no thanks", and the talk began.

The first thing he asked for was 6 "straight" volunteers. I, being the enthusiastic person that I am, raised my hand. The exercises were used to make the "straight" people in the audience feel uncomfortable. We had to answer some gay trivia, snap out a "Z" like from "In Living Color," and dance (because, as Shane said, all gay people dance well). While I cannot dance well, I nonetheless like to dance, so I was not too uncomfortable.

After that part was over, which seemed like an hour, I sat down relieved. Now I could sit in the audience and not have to stand out. But, I figured, why can't I stand out? I think that night I may have been in the minority of "straight" people in the audience- but I'm not sure. Nonetheless, I felt like I was in the minority, and it was uncomfortable.

As I was leaving the barn that night, I kept on thinking about how uncomfortable I felt, because I had to try something that was new and daring. I had always thought of myself as someone who did not hide behind friends and as someone who challenged himself.

Maybe I wasn't daring myself to be different, stand out, and try something new. While I have criticized people in my own mind for not striving to be their own person, I was not doing what I expect most people to do: challenge themselves. Challenge themselves how? I don't care. I tried a canole in the dining hall tonight for the first time. That was uncomfortable because I had never had one before. See, I am making progress already. Go up to some random person on the path and make a new friend, that is uncomfortable, but do-able. Reach out and befriend someone, be an active member of this community, try to make a difference at Hamilton or anywhere. Those are all things which are uncomfortable.

I see the canole as progress on my part; we all have to start small, right? You, too, can start small: try your own canole. It wasn't half bad.

From the desk of dan k.; thoughts on the observance of war

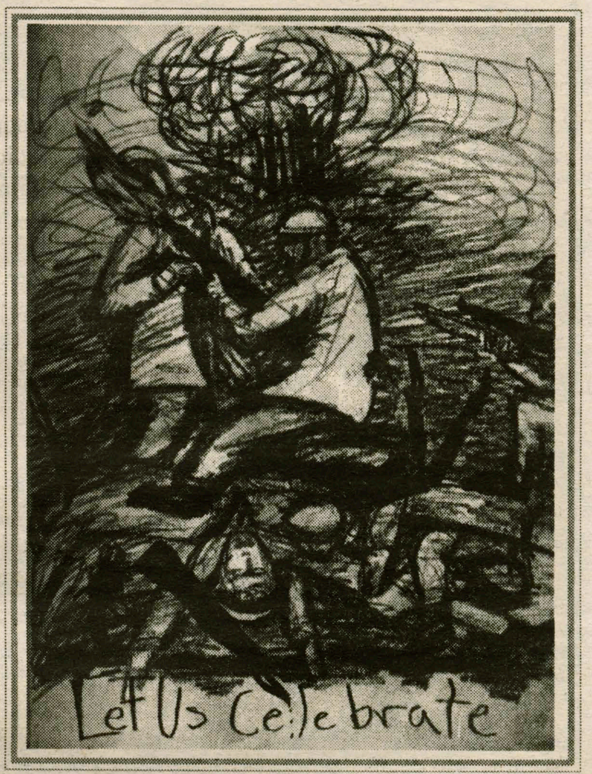
Sometimes I think about what causes, as a campus, Hamilton supports. I am always curious as to why certain issues envoke us to celebrate, remember, or actively observe. For example, this past Tuesday, HEAG sponsored a day to abstain from automobile use as a mode of transportation. Since it was a noble cause, I signed up and even in the inclement weather, I abstained from using my motorized vehicular transport (car).

In addition to wondering about the causes that we as a campus are actively involved in, I am also interested in which causes we do not take part in. For example, Wednesday was Veteran's Day, the national holiday in which we as a society remember those who fought in wars to protect this country. Although I do not actively support any situations in which violence is used as an answer or in which murder is an accepted form of decision-making, I am still inclined to observe this national holiday to increase awareness in this community. This holiday, although we as students have never actively participated in a war (why we are not veterans), we should take this time to think about the percentage of our population that celebrates this holiday with vigor and excitement.

Why is this? Why do we wish to dust off our military history and celebrate the numerous casualties to which we were subjected and that we directly caused? Is that all there is to this rather morbid holiday? I hope not. I would like to believe that this day would be a time in which we would reflect on all the unnecessary killing that our society has endured. It's a good day to consciously make an attempt, for at least one day, to actively remember how inhumane war truly is, and how little it really accomplishes. Now, in no way do I mean any disrespect to any veteran, but I would like to spend this time reminding people that we do not need any more veterans. So, while you think about the subsequent veterans in your life that have been directly affected by war, maybe this will inspire people to fight even harder against acts of war.

This may be seen as some neo-hippy view, but that is a clear misconception. There is nothing hippy-esque about having negative feelings about war. It is simply a situation in which your rational mind dominates your animalistic urge. Instead of eliminating your enemies, you contemplate the larger picture and realize that the world is usually better off without war. It doesn't take much historical research to find that wars, whether or not Americans fought in them, create such large disturbances that they cause more bad than good in most cases. This is not to say that wars never produce a positive outcome, but rather that all our successes came at the expense of other people.

Even though this holiday has now passed us, and we missed our chance to take a legitimate stand against the senseless killing that our society takes part in, wars do not go away, and most of all, they are not forgotten. Do not forget the veterans, do not forget the deceased, and lastly, do not forget the complete irrationality of war itself. Causes are good, they create awareness; also, they allow you to be creative and express your opinions. But, in our society, we get so caught up trying to do the right thing, that we sometimes overlook the things that are wrong and are not being changed.



Drawing by Aaron Warren

Actions speak louder than words

ADAM HOGAN

ONLY IN AMERICA

Earlier this year I wrote an article endorsing military action against the nation of Iraq. However, diplomacy actually worked before any force could be used. About eight months later, I find myself writing again about this psycho in Baghdad who has decided to yet again defy the rules set down by the United Nations. Again, I will make the same main point- it is time for action, not diplomacy.

Saddam has pushed the world to the brink of war too often. He is a psychopathic dictator on a power trip simply because he has the world focused on him at present. It is necessary at this point in time to dispense with all diplomatic action and simply show him that he cannot toy with the world and get away with it. We could be focusing on more important problems in the world, but he has all eyes on him,again.

The primary cause of this situation leads back to actions during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Coalition forces drove Iraq out of Kuwait, and then stopped. The United States and its allies should have pushed all the way to Baghdad, and made sure they removed Saddam Hussein from power. If they had, the world would obviously not have to deal with him now. Hell, the CIA is not doing much now that the Cold War is over. The US should have used them to overthrow the Iraqi government!

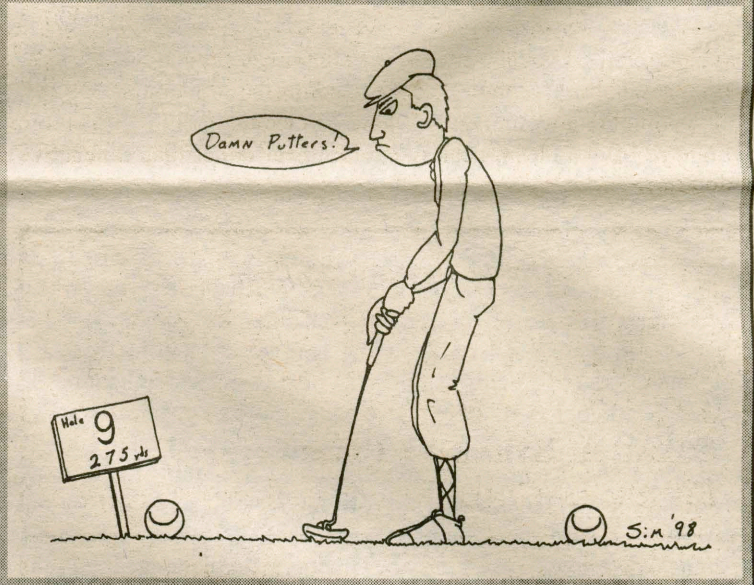
Aside from a general annoyance, this situation is starting to become economically taxing on the U.S. Every time Saddam decides he wants to play his games, the U.S. is forced to initiate a military buildup in the region to protect the nation's interests. Obviously, this type of military operation is not cheap. If we simply stopped his defiance of United Nations resolutions, the US would not have to keep playing this cat and mouse game.

Global support for any form of serious military action is now very strong. Nearly every major Arab nation has condemned Iraq's defiance and supports a US military action. However, China and Russia have expressed their desire for a more diplomatic solution. The time for agreement has passed, and now the U.S. must act in the best interests of the world. I fail to understand how any country would not support military action when it has been estimated that Iraq once possessed enough anthrax to kill the Earth's entire population several times over.

Oddly, President Clinton is yet again basking in a global crisis to remove attention from the impeachment hearings now proceeding in Congress. The last time he used this to detract attention from his escapades came at the beginning of the sexual misconduct investigation. I wonder if his inaction is a result of the president knowing in three months that Saddam might try his little game again and take more focus away from Clinton's problems.

These dealings with Iraq have been going on for almost ten years now. I am tired of seeing the words Saddam, defiance, anthrax and fear in the same sentence in the newspaper. It"s time to end this game once and for all. Only after the elimination of Saddam Hussien can the world look upon Iraq as being a peaceful and sovereign nation, as most of its people are.

THE LEADING BRAND **by Brandon Sim '99**



Not everyone was happy about No Driving Day

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Opinion

No sun No fun

John Meehan
Mystic Musings

I find it amazing ~~as~~ to how ignorant students can be on this campus in regards to significant events that occur outside of Clinton, NY, and for that matter, beyond the boundaries of Hamilton College. For those of you who are informed, please don't get offended by this. I know that many students are not as clueless as I, but I also know that a great deal of you are in my boat. I usually have no idea what is going on in the *real world.* Of course, I blame myself for not reading the newspaper more often, but there is only so much we can learn from Channel 20. Were you even aware that this past Wednesday was Veteran's Day until your less-dazed roommate reminded you? I'll admit shamefully that I did not. However, I spoke with a good amount of others who had no idea either. I am honestly ashamed for not recognizing this holiday on my own. I haven't the slightest inclination what it is like to be involved in combat, and we should all thank our veterans for having the courage to fight for a free country many of us pathetically take for granted.

My point is, I would have realized that Wednesday was Veteran's Day if I was anywhere else but here. Hamilton is analogous to a giant vacuum that can swallow you up whole if you are not too careful. I will explain. Things are only going to get worse. You think it's cold now? Wait until after Thanksgiving and you'll need five layers on your skin if you dare venture out to dinner. We have not even had any snow yet. Once the first few storms are in the books, you'll have to wait until April before you can remember what grass looks like. The snow is nice at first. Sure, you'll throw a few snowballs, attack some defenseless snowmen, or just immerse yourself in the stuff until your underwear starts to get wet. But just wait until the happy, fluffy, white snow turns into an evil, hardened, grayish-black mixture of acid rain, salt, sand, and car exhaust. Where's your snowman now, huh? If he does exist, he's pretty p—ed off! Constant cold weather, snow, and lack of sunlight truly does something to a person's morale (someone did tell me once that because of the lack of sunshine in this area, Syracuse is the biggest coffee drinking city in the country, per-capita - I forget the exact source of this information, so take it as you will). Everyone seems depressed, less talkative, and quite irritable. Since we are only fortunate enough to see the sun once every month, the bright lights and big city of beaming Beinecke Village becomes the center of our universe.

The culmination of these factors (not enough adequate sunlight, an overabundance of annoying snowfall and frigid weather, and the notion that Hamilton turns into a large bubble which does not allow valuable information to get in or out) thrown together, causes the students here on the Hill to fall into a vicious cycle. We eat, study, party, eat, party, and uh...party some more. Now, I know this does not go for everyone, so please forgive me for my ignorance of how other people spend their free time. The other significant percentage of the student body do fall into this unhealthy routine, as I, myself do. Don't try and deny it. I know who you are. Don't get too stressed, though; these sad facts are just a product of our Hamilton culture. Let's face it: the central New York winter is a brutal one. It is too cold to leave the dorm so people stay in and eat and drink and get fat. It sucks. But we are simply conforming to our environment. I'm not saying that it is impossible to break out of this harmful routine, but it is difficult.

People's actions and tendencies reflect the environment in which they live. I lived in Colorado this summer (the sunniest state in the U.S.) and I was amazed at how health conscious and physically active everyone was. I had honestly never seen anything like it in my life. People seem to *live* life out there. Everyone was running, biking, rollerblading, hiking, and doing all sorts of healthy activities. It doesn't take long for a new-comer to realize this fact and start itching to get outdoors. It makes sense, too. The more sunny, warm weather you have, the less clothes your apt to wear. As a result, if you're wearing the bare minimum for a good part of the year, the more conscious you will be on how you look physically. The weather has the opposite effect here. It's cold, wet, dark, dismal, and raw - hardly conditions that spur motivation to do anything active. The only hiking you do may be carrying a case of Old Mill up three flights of stairs. I guess there is nothing we can do about it though. There's always the nautilus room to stay active, but it's nothing like being outdoors. Enjoy the snow while it's still possible; maybe invest in one of those heat lamps that can serve as a substitute for sunlight (or something like that, I don't know). Above all else, try not to let Hamilton swallow you up this winter. Know what is going on outside our Hamilton culture. Read the paper, rig the cable, do something.

Accidental Propaganda

Aaron Warren
Effervescent Concern

If you happened to eat in any of Hamilton's illustrious dining halls the week the nineteenth you probably noticed all of the various flyers on the tables. Among these was a flyer about hate crimes. It detailed the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student. The next qoute was from Brian Levin, the director of The Center on Hate and Extremism, in Stockton College, NJ. It read, "With other crimes, violence is a means to an end; with hate crimes, the violence becomes an unstoppable goal." I had read the example of the hideous hate crime committed on that farm in Wyoming and a statement telling me that hate crimes are unstoppable. When I see that the next qoute is about Hamilton I cannot help but feel like I am being threatened. The quote reads "The Princeton Review recently rated Hamilton ninth of the ten schools least accepting of alternative lifestyles." This last bit of information is misleading, however. The rankings of the Princeton Review are based on 56,000 students surveyed from the nation's "top" 311 schools. I feel that the way the information pertaining to this particular ranking was collected should be called into question. The way that the Princeton Review put the basis of the ranking is "gay community accepted" versus "alternative lifestyles not an alternative."

Though I do not know how the question was put to the students surveyed, I do know how one goes about creating a ranking out of a survey. It generally involves a lot of addition and comparison. What this means is that, of the students surveyed, there are more students here at hamilton who feel that Hamilton does not accept the "gay community." There are a lot of strange judgments being made here. The Princeton Review is already separating the "gay community" from everyone else. I can only assume that the questions were geared around a mold they have made for the answers.

I am going to grant The Princeton Review that they included most, if not all, of the students of the colleges on the list in the survey. Without that, the rankings hold even less validity, if they hold any at all. Taking that for granted, the average student population of the schools in the survey is under two thousand. Here we run into another problem, this survey was taken from a very select group of schools. I doubt that these schools represent a great deal, rather a tiny fraction, of the places where hate crimes are commited.

One thing I am sure of, however, is that some number of the surveyed Hamilton students felt that Hamilton was not accepting of alternative lifestyles. This is what I am concerned about. Whether the surveyed students were homophobic and wanted to limit the "gay community", or were homosexual themselves and really felt threatened here at Hamilton does not matter to me. Both of these affect me in the same way. There are oppressors and oppressed, I feel sorry for them both, and I wonder why they are that way. Being a white male, one of the least openly oppressed people in our nation, I realize that it is easy for me to feel free. That does not mean that I do not wish the same for everyone else.

The hate people feel that makes them do what they did to Matthew Shepard in Wyoming can only stem from fear. It is a fear of losing control - a fear that the staus quo wil be disrupted. In the case of violence against homosexuals, the fear is of themselves. People who have been taught to hate do not wish to examine themselves. They tend to be born into a situation that is close to the cultural "norm", and try not to think too hard about what is right.

Matthew Shepard's open homosexuality clearly must have shocked someone's values. When we are very afraid we tend to act very irrationally. What happened in Wyoming cannot be anything but irrational. These people could not accept the blow to their conscience so they eliminated the cause. In doing so, they only dug themselves a deeper hole to hide in.

In talking to Cynthia, one of the Co-Chairs of the Rainbow Alliance, I found out that there was some debate about the inclusion of the Princeton Review information. Cynthia was among those who wanted to leave it out. I learned that it was included simply because it was out there, and as Cynthia said, "We wanted to let people know."

I mean no disrespect to the Rainbow Alliance, but I feel that the inclusion of the Princeton Review survey information and the statement "Don't let what happened to Matthew Shepard happen here" twists the thoughts and feelings one has about Matthew Shepard. The hate crimes at Hamilton do not compare with the extremity of the one in Wyoming. Tearing down a sign is not killing a man. Even the terrible incident here at Hamilton where a bottle was thrown at an openly gay student's head, resulting in a concussion, is not the same as cutting someone repeatedly in the face and neck, bashing their head in, and tying them to a tree to let them die.

The most important thing is to live your life by your rules and to let others do the same, come what may. No one could prevent those people from attacking Matthew Shepard, just as no one could have stopped the bottle from being thrown. The only ones in charge of those acts were the people committing them. To live oppressed by fear of being open about who you are is no way to live. Creating an atmosphere of fear through propaganda, intentionally or not, is no way to solve our problems. This presentation of the information of Matthew Shepard's death takes away from its power to change people's minds and twists it to perpetuate a sense of fear. The fear of free homosexuality apparent in the circumstances of Matthew Shepard's horrible death should, alone, or with careful commentary, show how such attitudes can be taken to extremes and, hopefully, change a few minds.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By the well-manicured man & J. Edgar Hoover

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👎 **Conspiracy reaching to the highest echelons of power**

👎 **He IS the virus**

The town and the college; a mutual benefit theory

DAVE KUTCHER & TOM LEEN

GRUMPY OLD MEN

We've all experienced the changes that have occurred here on the Hill in the past few years. Some of us have lived through the residential life policy that so drastically changed the social dynamics of this campus (or at least they were supposed to). What have these changes actually fomented? If there are fewer parties and social events happening on campus, what does the student body do now after the last class on Friday afternoon is over? What gets the average student through the weekend and who has actually come out ahead through all these changes?

In looking around at our neighbors and friends, we've noticed a few things that people do more often now that we're lucky if there is a party going on both Friday night and Saturday night. We've noticed that we find ourselves renting movies from Blockbuster, Viddyo, and that other video place more often. Most of our neighbors have even gone and gotten themselves memberships at no fewer than two of the local video stores. You might find more and more evenings spent playing games on your Nintendo 64 or Sony Playstation, or renting old movies since you've already seen most of the new releases (last week it was "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid").

There has also been a huge increase in the popularity of both the Rock and the VT. Our freshman year, neither of these places were nearly as popular as they currently are (the Garden might actually be doing well if it wasn't closed down). Beginning Wednesday and Thursday night, the Rock and the VT have been known to be completely packed with people spilling out of the doorway and onto the street. The owners and bartenders must be quite happy with this newfound popularity amongst the local bar scene.

And then there are Roma's, Tony's, and the plethora of other pizza delivery places. There's even enough business for the established businesses to allow a newcomer, the Cranberry Bog, to make a nice healthy profit. All these places have to do is answer the phone, give the customary 35-40 minute response, and an hour later you'll get your cold food (not that I don't enjoy my pepperoni stromboli from time to time). And of course you give them a tip for taking an hour to make a 5 minute trip to give you food that was pre-made and only had to be popped into the microwave for 45 seconds (Roma's dude, I still love you).

So it'll be 11:00, there are no parties going on (the only one that was happening got busted by campus security), you're stuck in your room hanging out with some friends watching "Austin Powers" for the 20th time, progressing through your last case of Ol' Mil', and of course, you get the munchies... happens all the time, right? What if all of these happenings didn't come about by chance?

To maintain a healthy relationship, Hamilton College and the town of Clinton must have a certain understanding. At the root of this understanding is the element of survival; Clinton would barely exist without the college and Hamilton College would be in the woods without some element of a town at the base of its Hill. Even since this understanding was breached, the town and the college have been engaged in a game of "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine." Good politics right? Hamilton College is probably continually putting demands on the town for paving of roads, changing of zoning permits, and a multitude of other things. What's not to say that in 1994/5, the town of Clinton came to the college and said "hey, our town coffers are getting low, a few of our local businesses are on the verge of collapse, and we're not sure how long we can stay afloat"? The College, in a diplomatic fashion (what else would you expect), replies "we think that we can work something out to our mutual benefit..."

This mutual benefit worked out to become the Residential Life Policy.

The town wanted more students coming down into the town to eat dinner and late snacks and frequent the bars. Mutual benefit consisted of the College kicking the societies out of their houses, giving them the social options of Bundy or the Hub, making the cleanup and rental exorbitant, and not allowing bulk alcohol in the dormitories. Therefore, to have a party or a fun night of drinking, a group of people would have to break the rules and bring a keg into their room, or make the trek down to the pubs.

The town wanted students in the town, but only to visit and spend money. The locals didn't want noisy college students staying up late, throwing parties that disturbed all the nice, peaceful inhabitants of the town (who go to bed at 8 p.m.). The College was like "no problem, we'll just make virtually everyone live on campus!"

And then the town came and said "we have a lot of these local pizzerias that are having a hard time staying afloat... is there any way you can help us out with them?" The College thought long and hard on this matter and said, "sure, we think we can do something." So in a paradoxical movement that confused the town at first, the College brought in Bon Appetite and forced students to eat a minimum number of meals in the dining halls. Surely enough, the pizzerias were soon flooded with phone calls placing urgent orders for cold pizza and fried dough. When questioned about this stunning change, the College merely replied "the students just needed to appreciate the food downtown a little more."

Hamilton's policy wasn't a lie; it has completed its goal in creating room-centralized social atmospheres. We import our entertainment, food, and camaraderie into small groups that cause little uproar. Instead of large houses full of people, it is now small rooms of people. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our feisty yet foxy RA, Deirdre. Although we know she has huge potential for fun, she too, unfortunately, has become a victim of the new policy. She, unlike the rest of us however, has given up on the social life and become obsessed with Law School. Its kind of sad that she has become obsessed with Logical Reasoning so that she can go to law school and probably have a nervous breakdown - but at least she will have more fun than she would ever have at Hamilton.

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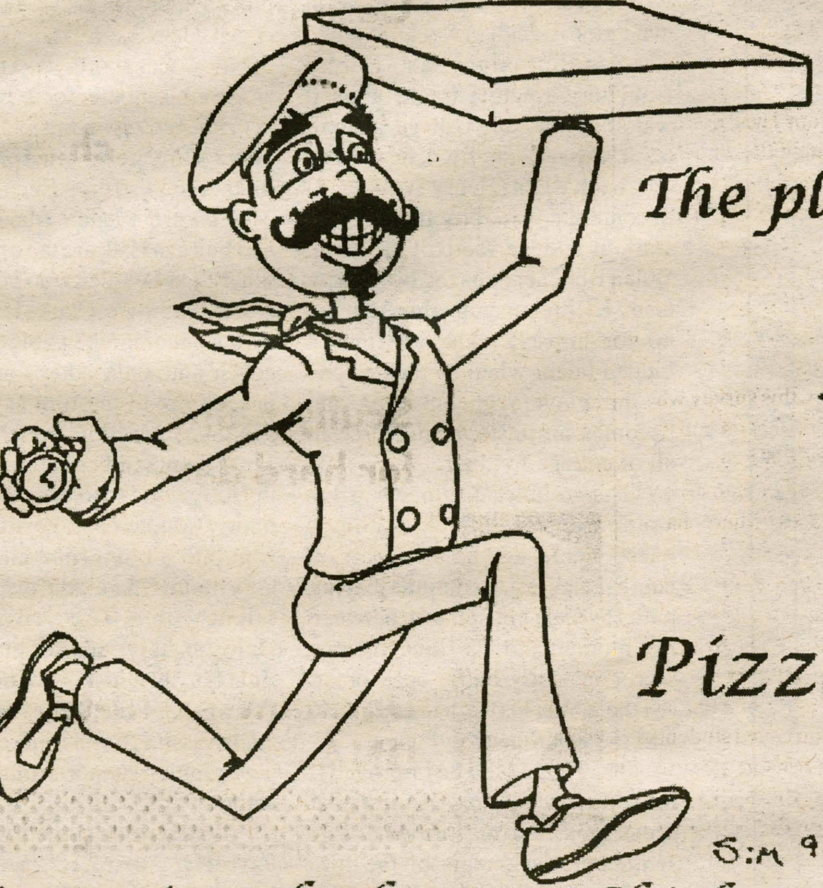

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Hamilton students present comedy: *Pilgrims of the Night*

by James O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E EDITOR

"I keep telling people that the play is like X-Files meets Chaucer,"says Director Craig Latrell, Professor of Theatre and Director of Len Jenkin's play, *Pilgrims of the Night*. The Department of Theatre at Hamilton College presents this postmodern comedy in Minor Theater as the first formal production of the year.

Latrell qualified the play as being very theatrical: "it doesn't pretend to be taking place anywhere other than on the stage." Following reports about a UFO landing on the other side of a river, a group of 'pilgrims' reach a ferry terminal which is empty because the ferry has already departed. They pass the night away telling each other different stories, and each respective story is acted out on-stage. This aspect of the play gives the actors a workout because each actor must play multiple roles. In total there are thirty-five characters in the play and only seven actors.

Len Jenkin constructed *Pilgrims of the Night* in such a way that there are certain points that the audience accepts as part of the meta-theatricality of the piece. Evoking humor as well as setting up some touching moments, the meta-theatricality thoroughly engrosses the audience in the action and drama of the piece through moments of actor-audience interaction. Latrell also added that *Pilgrims of the Night* "is a play about wonder; about people beholding things." When asked how he has enjoyed working with the cast, he replied, "it's been a wonderful journey. They have been open and willing to try anything."

Curtis Confer '99, Emily Musty '99, Dustin Helmer '99, Kristen McGuiness '99, Brandon Sornberger '00, Katie Coffey '00 and Justin Tyler '01, have been working together since mid-September, starting with rehearsals at three hours a night for five days a week, and recently they had an eleven hour rehearsal. Obviously this play requires a great deal of time, especially considering the diversity and number of roles each actor performs.

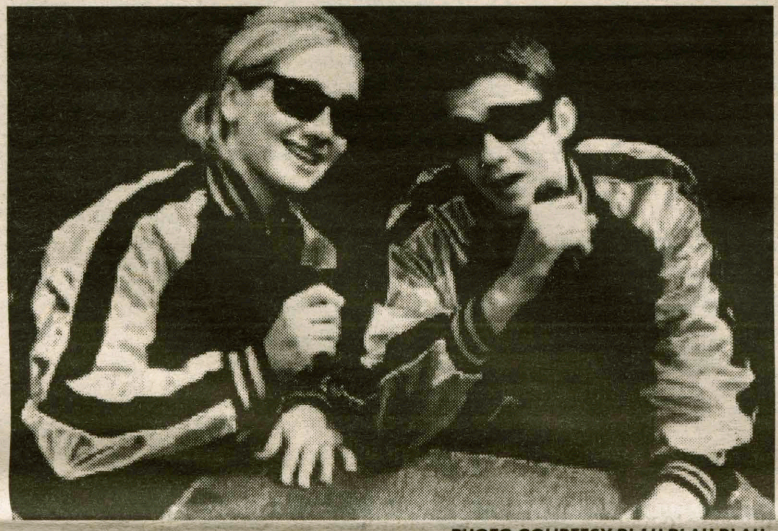
Because the play features many smaller stories within the larger story of the play, there are some impressive special effects. Incredibly, there are over 1,000 sound cues and hundreds of light cues. This should add to the overall theatrical experience, making *Pilgrims of the Night* a very complex production.

The music and sound of this production also add to the impressive theatrical effect. James Garlan '72, designed the sound for this production. Without knowing his affiliation with Hamilton, Craig Latrell hired Garlan because of his impressive credentials: working on the Broadway production of *The Kentucky Cycle*, productions at the Seattle Repertory Theatre, Houston's Alley Theatre and much more. He has also composed music for a number of independently produced films and teaches audio recording and guitar at Seattle University.

The playwright, Len Jenkin, has written many works recently, and has been produced on stage throughout the United States, England, Germany and Japan. He's won many awards and honors, including three OBIE Awards for Directing and Playwriting, a Guggenheim Fellowship, nomination for an Emmy Award, and four National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. He's currently a Professor in the Dramatic Writing Program at the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

Pilgrims of the Night entertains because it is dedicated to the audience experience. The show plays Friday at 8 p.m, and Saturday, at both 2 p.m and 8 p.m, and the following week from Wednesday, November 18 through Saturday, November 21 at 8 p.m. in Minor Theater.

Tickets may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office (outside of Wellin) between 1 through 4 p.m Tuesday through Friday or 1 hour before the performance at Minor Theater. They are $3 for students, and $5 for adults that are not students. They also may be obtained by calling the Performing Arts Ticket office at 859-4331.



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Kristen McGuiness '99 and Brandon Sornberger '00 act out one of their many roles in *Pilgrims of the Night*.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE WATERBOY C+

Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
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by Matt Olney '01
MOVIE REVIEWER

We have Adam Sandler as a naive Louisiana southern boy in a football movie with a whole lot of bathroom jokes. What more could we ask for! Maybe a little more humor and a lot less sentimentality. This would have made Sandler's latest film *The Waterboy* more enjoyable.

He is the same Adam Sandler we saw in *Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison,* and *The Wedding Singer*. Instead of being a hockey player turned golf pro, an elementary school student, or a wedding singer like he portrayed in his others, he is a waterboy transformed into a star linebacker. One thing is for sure, Adam Sandler is a happy man this week. *Waterboy* grossed nearly 40 million dollars in its first weekend and is bound to rake in even more dough in weeks to come

Sandler stars as Bobby Boucher, a white-trash, abused waterboy for a big college football team. After being fired, he is hired by Coach Klein (Henry Winkler) to become the waterboy for a down-and-out college football program. When Boucher is hazed by his new team, Klein encourages him to stand up for himself. Boucher finds a hidden talent when he tackles one of the players unconscious and becomes an unstoppable force in all of college football.

His troubles begin when his academic eligibility becomes questionable, and he must pass an equivalency test to continue playing ball. He finds himself torn between his mother and his love interest who constantly battle each other. All the while, his team needs him to win the Bourbon Bowl game.

The film would be improved if it didn't try to mix inspirational messages with humor. The sentimental segments of the film are simply childish and take away from the humor. Mind you, Sandler's past films did not exactly have Oscar winning screenplays, but this script is pathetic.

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Adam Sandler stars in his new role; this time he's a waterboy.

The acting in this film is bad as well. Henry Winkler, who was once the bad boy Arthur Fonzarelli in the television series *Happy Days*, plays a mentally disturbed wimp as coach Klein. Kathy Bates is coming off an Oscar worthy performance as a troubleshooter for the president in *Primary Colors*, but ineffectively plays Boucher's overprotective mother in this film. Even the NFL cameos are weak. Blake Clarke and Fairuza Balk are the only actors other than Sandler who add a little zest to the movie. Clarke is hilarious as the incomprehensible assistant coach and Balk adds some much needed life to the film as the bad-girl love interest of Boucher.

Adam Sandler is the one actor in Hollywood who can transform a poorly scripted and horribly acted film into a box office hit. He is a very funny man, and displays his talent in *The Waterboy*. Unfortunately, this script is down right horrible, making many scenes that were intended to be funny seem embarrassing. Furthermore, Sandler gets minimal support from the other actors.

Well written comedies like the Farrelly brother's *There's Something About Mary* make *The Waterboy* look childish. *The Waterboy* is a big disappointment, but give it a shot, it might make you laugh.

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If illness seems to be plaguing you, take that as a sign to clean things up a bit. Your sleep schedule might need some revamping and your dishes might need some washing. Then health will be restored. Your lucky title is: Director.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Do work. Don't procrastinate. Stop stressing out and remember to breathe every once in a while. If you listen to these few commands everything should be a-okay. Your lucky store is: Circuit City.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

Been feeling a bit clumsy these days, Capricorn? Don't let the teasing get to you, sometimes you just lose control of your own body. Your lucky liquid is: Blood.

Aquarius
(Jan 21-Feb. 19)

I have no idea what kind of advice to give you, Aquarius. The future could go many ways. Basically, you're in control and will do what you want, no matter what, so I wish you luck. Your lucky word is: Yes.

Pisces
(Feb 20-March 20)

Are you counting the days till break, Pisces? Sometimes it makes time go by even slower. Try and concentrate on the present and before you know it you'll be eating turkey. Your lucky sauce is: gravy.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)

With the good comes the bad, Aries. Remember every day can't be the best ever. However, smiles and laughter can make the other days fun. Try and incorporate them into your routine. Your lucky form of literature is: poetry.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)

Organization seems to be what you are lacking, Taurus. At least you can admit it and knowing is half the battle. Look toward others for guidance. Also, remember to always keep your seat belt fastened. Your lucky link is: a bridge.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)

Watching TV is not proper research for papers. Stop trying to justify your distractions and procrastination tactics. You need to face the facts and settle down seriously. Your lucky nickname is: Champ.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)

What's your deal, Cancer? Do you find people constantly asking you this very question. If so, maybe you actually need to figure out what your deal is. Your lucky city is: Fargo.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 23)

Has the cafeteria food been making your stomach queasy? Maybe you should use this ailment in a positive way. Take someone out to dinner. You will enhance your social life and heal your stomach. Your lucky sign is: Sagittarius.

Virgo
(Aug. 24- Sept. 23)

Important decisions about your future may be coming up. Make the decisions based solely on your desires, not those of others. Follow your own beliefs, they will lead you through the maze of life. Your lucky movie is: *Labyrinth.*

Libra
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

People all over have been noticing you, Libra and it's not only because of that sassy way you walk. You must be doing something right, so try not to change. Don't let the attention annoy you, bask in it. Your lucky dance is: limbo.

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Hot new rock opera, *Ravenshead* stops at Hamilton this Sunday

by Jess Hunt '01
A&E WRITER

I know how hard it is to get out of bed on Sundays. But if you do not want to miss the rare opportunity to see a new, highly acclaimed musical theatre production, then come to Wellin Hall at 3:00 PM for an afternoon guaranteed to "jump start" your work week.

Making its way upstate from New York City, *Ravenshead*, a rock opera, will visit Hamilton as only the second stop since it began its national tour. This relatively new, extremely innovative monodrama, stars highly acclaimed singer/actor Rinde Eckert and the Paul Dresher Ensemble. Written by Steve Mackey, The New York Times claims *Ravenshead* marks an "important role in opera history." *Ravenshead* has the potential of redefining musical theatre, perhaps even making contemporary opera a popular form of entertainment.

As director of the performing arts at Hamilton, Katheryn Maguet was familiar with the work of Makey and Eckert even before they began working on *Ravenshead*. She was excited by the idea of the two combining their talents to create the piece and decided right away that it was something she would like to bring to Hamilton. Knowing how isolated students at Hamilton can get from the real world, Maguet thought it would be a great opportunity for members of the college community to participate in a potentially revolutionary moment in the history of musical theatre. After seeing parts of the show last spring at Merkin Hall in New York City, Maguet was impressed with Eckert's "riveting" performance, and she had a feeling it would become successful. It is obvious that her instincts were right.

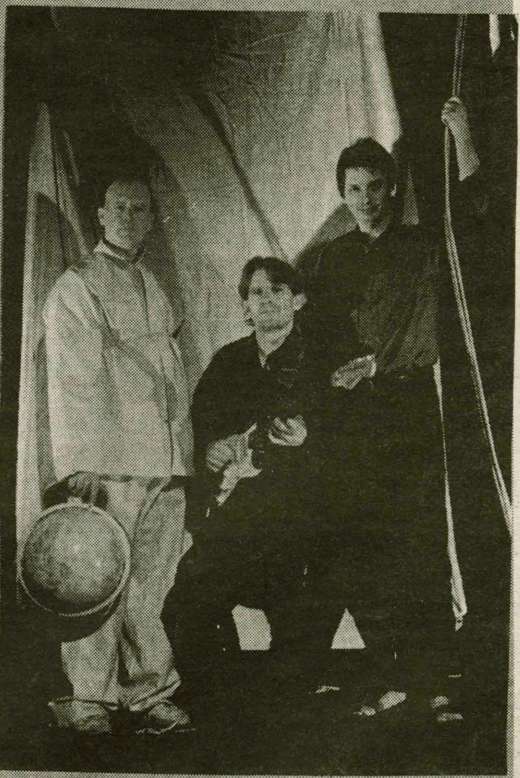


PHOTO BY MARION GRAY

The Paul Dresher Ensemble and Rinde Eckert combine to present *Ravenshead*.

Written and performed by Rinde Eckert, with music composed by Steve Mackey, *Ravenshead* tells the true story of Donald Crowhurst, a former English electronics manufacturer who in 1969 challenged three competitors to a nonstop solo sailing race around the world. Known as flamboyant and impulsive, Crowhurst set sail from England never to be heard from again. When his boat was finally discovered six months later, two logbooks were found inside: one reflected his actual journey, the other an imaginary version of his voyage which he planned to share with the world when he returned.

Not only was Crowhurst ill suited for his voyage from day one; he also suffered from bad luck and mechanical failure. He decided the only way to avoid being deemed a failure was to cheat. He hid in seldom-traveled waters of the South Atlantic while his competitors rounded Cape Horn. Crowhurst's plan was to sprint to the finish line victoriously while the others were still at sea.

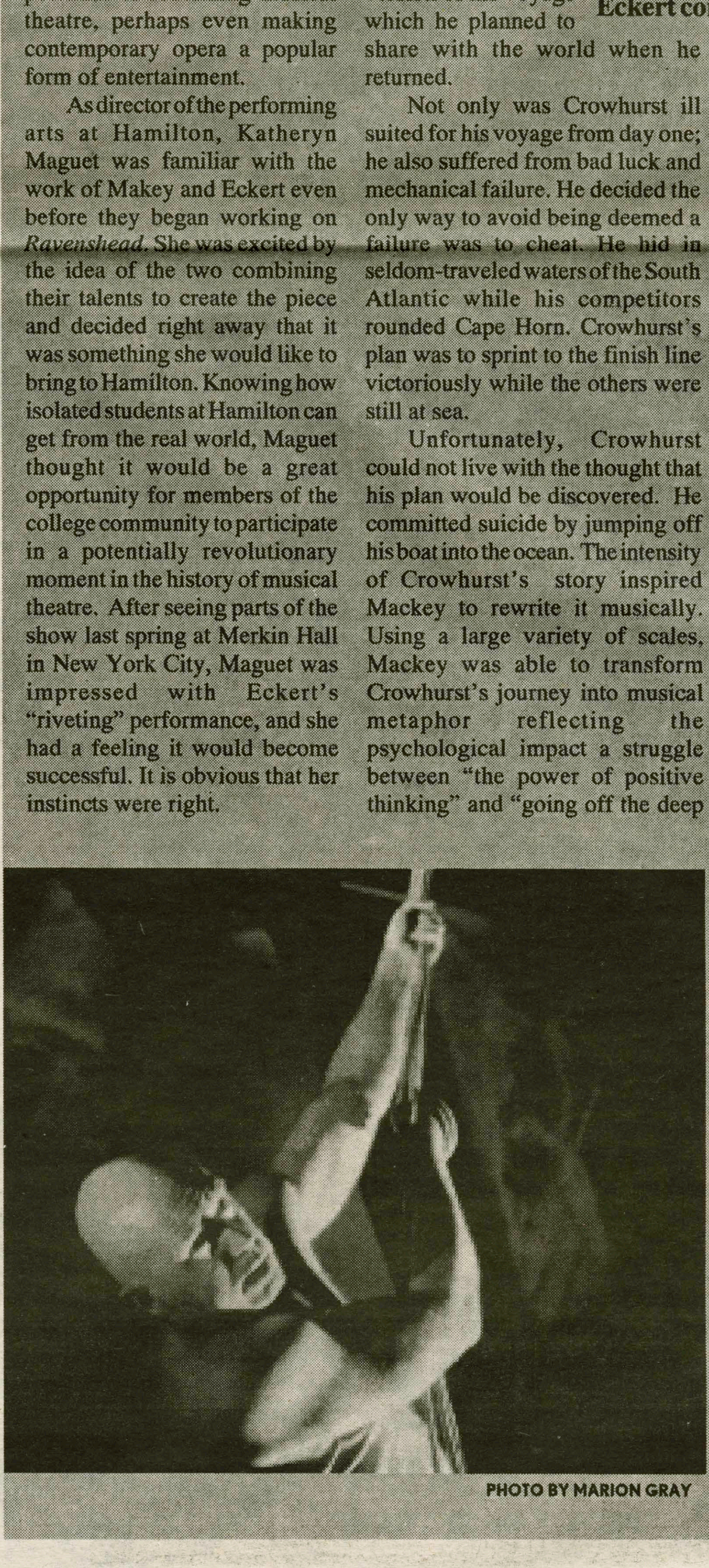
Unfortunately, Crowhurst could not live with the thought that his plan would be discovered. He committed suicide by jumping off his boat into the ocean. The intensity of Crowhurst's story inspired Mackey to rewrite it musically. Using a large variety of scales, Mackey was able to transform Crowhurst's journey into musical metaphor reflecting the psychological impact a struggle between "the power of positive thinking" and "going off the deep end" has on an individual.

A notable composer, guitarist, and Professor of Music at Princeton University, Steve Mackey began his career playing classical and electric guitar, as well as the lute. Today he continues to compose his own music, which he performs solo on the electric guitar. This past summer, Bridge Records released Mackey's first CD entitled "Lost & Found," featuring the musician's original compositions. In addition, Mackey has received several distinguished composition prizes for his work, including the International Society of Contemporary Music Composition Award.

A long-time associate of the Paul Dresher Ensemble, Rinde Eckert combines extraordinary talents as a singer, actor, physical performer and writer. Multi-talented, Eckert is more than capable of assuming Crowhurst's character. Along with the Ensemble, he is able to adapt a story that addresses both individual and broader social concerns to the stage.

Sunday's performance should be a great way for students, faculty, and guests to interact with Mackey and Eckert after the show during a question and answer period in the Red Pit. Both men are intelligent artists who will be able to share their experiences working on *Ravenshead* with the audience.

Hopefully, the idea of Eckert's original, modern, solo voice, backed by a rock band, sounds like something you might consider spending $5 and part of your Sunday afternoon to see. Tickets for the performance are $15.00 for adults and $5 for students. For more information please call 859-4331.



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William H. Luers '51 to deliver William G. Roehrick lecture

President of the Met to discuss role of the arts in America

PRESS RELEASE

William H. Luers, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art since 1986, will deliver the William G. Roehrick lecture at Hamilton College on Saturday, November 14 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. His talk will be followed by a reception in the Emerson Gallery. Both are free and open to the public and are sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

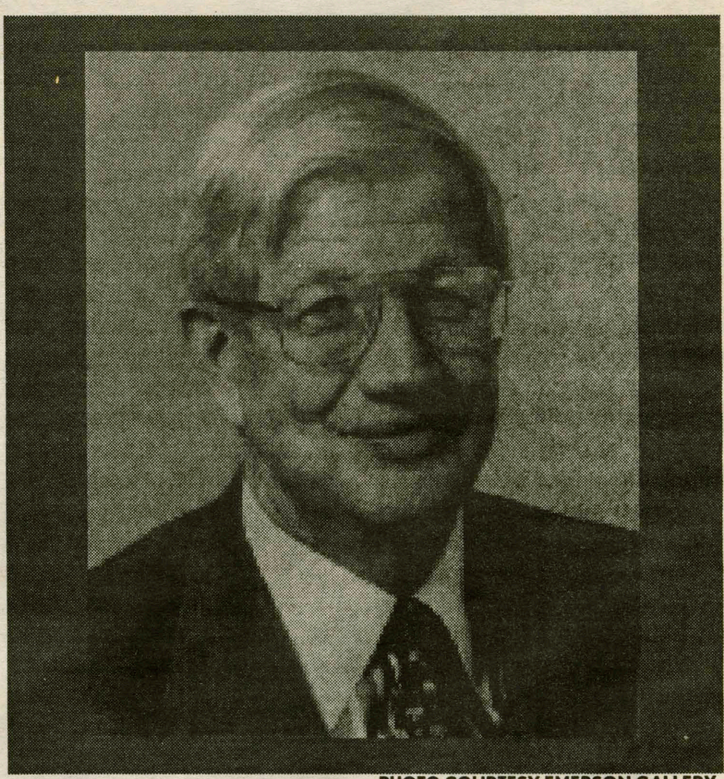
Luers, a 1951 graduate of Hamilton College, will discuss how the role of the arts in America has changed over the last 12 years, and the difficulty that arts institutions experience in getting government funding. He will also discuss how the role of the individual in art has changed in a culture fascinated by celebrity: what does it mean when so much attention is lavished on superstar celebrity artists?

Luers joined the Met in 1986 after spending 31 years in the U.S. Foreign Service. He served as U.S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1983 to 1986 and ambassador to Venezuela from 1978 to 1982. He also held posts in Italy, Germany and the Soviet Union, and in the U.S. Department of State in Washington, including posts as deputy assistant secretary of state for Europe and deputy assistant secretary of state for Inter-American affairs. He has published widely on foreign policy issues in *The New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times* and other journals, as well as in books of collected essays. Luers has written extensively on museum management, most recently contributing a chapter to the 1990 book, *The Economics of Art Museums*, edited by Martin Feldstein.

Luers has served as a visiting lecturer at George Washington University, the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and as a director's visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. A founding chairman of the Open Forum in the state department, Luers speaks on the arts and diplomacy to audiences around the nation and the world.

Some of the honors he has received are the Orden Simon Bolivar, awarded by the president of Venezuela in 1982; the Orden Andres Bello, awarded by the president of Venezuela in 1990; the Foreign Service Cup, awarded by the Foreign Service and the Department of State in 1991; the Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca, awarded by the president of Mexico in 1992; and honorary degrees from Hamilton College and Marlboro College.

Luers is an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations and other public policy organizations. Active in the non-profit sector as well, his affiliations include memberships of the board of trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; the board of trustees of the Eurasia Foundation; board of directors of the Institute for East-West Studies; and the board of directors of Fulbright International. He also is chairman of the "St. Petersburg 2003 Committee" of the Citizens Exchange Council. Also, he is an acknowledged leader in the field of tourism in New York City, a member of the board of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau and chairman of the board of Americans United to Save the Arts and Humanities.



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Craig Karges brings us his "magic of the mind"

by Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

Campus audiences nationwide are baffled when it comes to understanding how Craig Karges brings his "magic of the mind" to the stage.

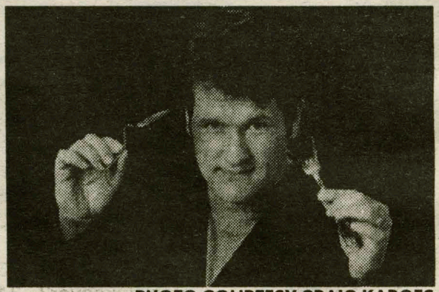
On Saturday, Nov. 14th at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn, Hamilton College will experience this mind-blowing show. Craig Karges is a unique performing artist. His show is described as being a magnificent blend of mystery, humor, intuition and psychology. Karges dazzles his audience by asking what is possible and what is impossible, what is real and what is unreal.

Craig Karges' show is extremely popular, especially among colleges. He was just named Campus Entertainer of the Year for 1998. He had previously won this award in 1991 and 1995. Performance magazine recently named him one of the top variety entertainers in the country, among such greats as illusionist David Copperfield.

Karges has performed on the Tonight Show and Larry King Live as well as on other national networks like E! Entertainment Television and CNN.

Craig Karges says that he does not perform as a magician or a psychic, nor does he possess supernatural powers. He does bring a fantastic display of illusion and psychic happenings to the stage. For example, a table "walks" on stage, then levitates in the air. He also reads minds. Karges even risks his fee in a special demonstration of his special abilities. The main theme of his performance is to help a few people exercise their "extraordinary" capabilities.

Karges dramatizes the unexplained, the unknown, and the unbelievable. There is no smoke and there are no mirrors. You don't just watch his performance, you experience it, through total audience participation. Comedian and talk show host Dennis Miller described Karges' show by saying, "This weirds me out!" Come and be mystified and see why Craig Karges is "the next era in mystery entertainment."



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Craig Karges, that mind-boggling entertainer, comes to Hamilton

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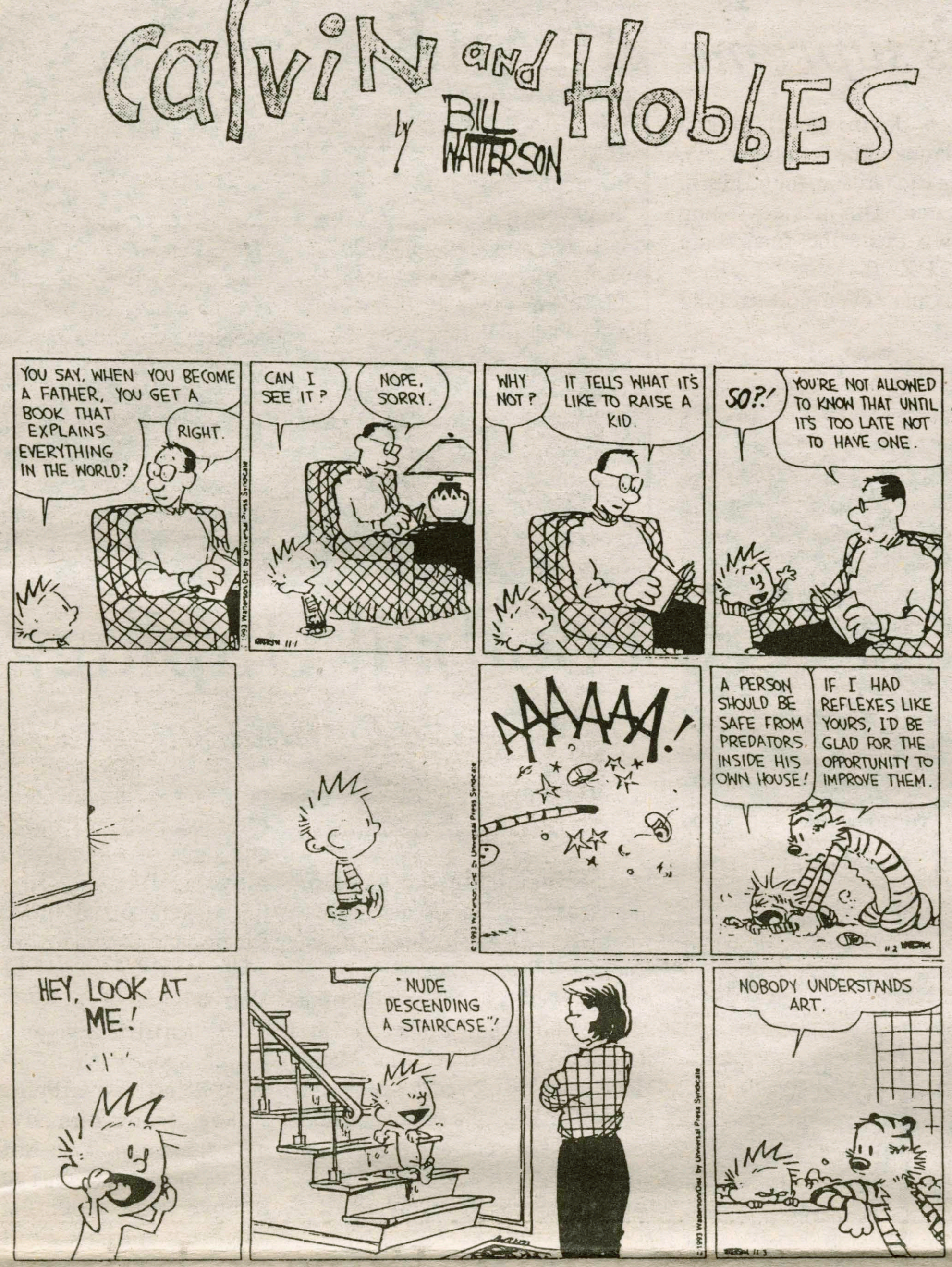
Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson
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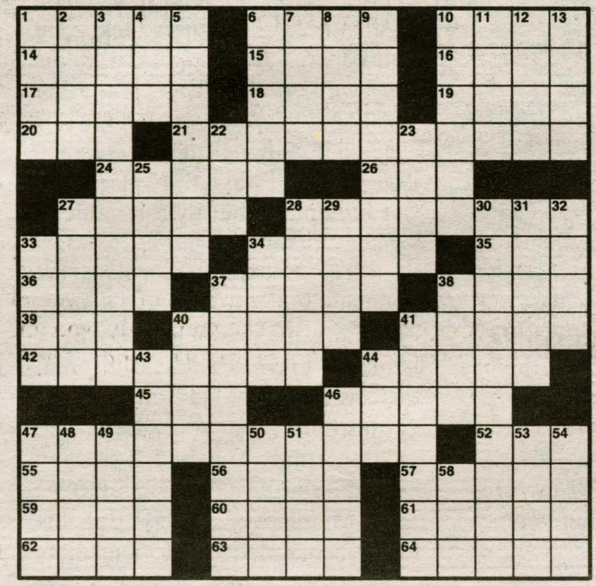
CROSSWORD

Campus Crossword

SHOW OF HANDS by Gerald R. Ferguson
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
- **1** Grassy plain of Argentina
- **6** Towel word
- **10** "Phooey!"
- **14** Forcefully
- **15** Genesis name
- **16** Skip over
- **17** Shabby
- **18** Arizona Amerind
- **19** NYC art center
- **20** High-tech defense initials
- **21** Billy Joel, e.g.
- **24** Bumblers
- **26** 15 Across, to Eve
- **27** A sorry bunch?
- **28** Abyssinia, today
- **33** Bad to the extreme
- **34** *Gigi* star
- **35** Cuba, e.g.: Abbr.
- **36** Sponsorship
- **37** Tear up
- **38** Word form for "eight"
- **39** Traffic behemoth
- **40** Dickens title start
- **41** Tarsal joint
- **42** Pioneers
- **44** Cherry, e.g.
- **45** Above, to Keats
- **46** 1923 loser to Dempsey
- **47** Baseball award
- **52** Mainframe brain: Abbr.
- **55** Miffed
- **56** Mideast carrier
- **57** Benefits
- **59** Embossed emblem
- **60** Auctioneer's last word
- **61** Yonder
- **62** Gloria's TV pal
- **63** "Terrible" age
- **64** Completely satisfied

DOWN
- **1** Tablets
- **2** In the course of
- **3** Nails expert
- **4** Greedy one
- **5** "__ in a storm"
- **6** Belly laughs
- **7** Black, in poesy
- **8** Bank takeover?
- **9** Sloppy
- **10** Pizza cheese
- **11** Chinese island seaport
- **12** Fourth dimension
- **13** Lead player
- **22** Freudian concerns
- **23** T-bone's locale
- **25** Subtraction word
- **27** Rascal
- **28** Noble chaps
- **29** Shade source
- **30** Urban crook
- **31** Basketry fiber
- **32** Popular houseplant
- **33** Entanglements
- **34** Burn slightly
- **37** Most stringent
- **38** "Movin' __" (*The Jeffersons* theme)
- **40** Skipper's word
- **41** Runs in
- **43** Walk unsteadily
- **44** Arith. process
- **46** Throws in one's cards
- **47** Lillian or Dorothy
- **48** Creme-filled cookie
- **49** Adjective for 1996
- **50** Aura
- **51** French composer
- **53** French papa
- **54** Pre-owned
- **58** "That's it!"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- J. Jackson '01 on certain classmates

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IM Football: AD Back to Back Champs

TDX puts up a fight, but AD reigns supreme

by Sarah Gloo '01
SPORTS WRITER

Team AD won a tough game against TDX last Sunday afternoon to become this year's IM football champions. Winning for the second year was a great accomplishment for the team, especially considering the quality of the league this year. AD made it to the championships after staging a late comeback against DU in the semifinals, and the game against TDX was just as suspenseful. As TDX player Greg Ernstrom said, "It was a great game to play and a great game to watch."

At the half, the score was 8-8. TDX's touchdown came on a great diving catch by Pete Montgomery, while the two point conversion was run in by quarterback Matt Batt. AD's points came from two connections between quarterback Sam Richardson and receiver Colin Ramsey. As the second half began, TDX struck first, pulling ahead on a touchdown pass from Batt to Greg "Big Ern" Ernstrom. On the ensuing drive, Richardson pitched the ball to Calvin Zarin, whose pass was intercepted by TDX player John Rhodes. On TDX's very next play, Matt Batt completed a deep touchdown pass down the right side to Spencer. The score was now 20-8 TDX.

With two minutes remaining, AD had a lot of points to make up. The team mounted an attack down the field, with Sam Richardson completing passes to Calvin Zarin, Colin Ramsey, and Karl Knight. As AD neared scoring position, Richardson was tackled as he attempted to run the ball. The resulting small scuffle ended when Richardson, AD's star quarterback, was ejected from the game. Another great pass by Zarin and an amazing catch by Andrew Barous for the two point conversion made the score

PHOTO BY JUAN MAURAS '99

The AD brothers gather to celebrate their second straight title.

20-16 TDX. With the clock winding down, TDX was forced to punt, giving AD the ball with under a minute to play. Two long passes from Zarin to Knight and Ramsey brought AD into scoring position. TDX held their ground on AD's first three scoring attempts. With ten seconds remaining on fourth down, the game and the championship came down to one play.

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> **Calvin Zarin and Carl "the Knight train" Knight just made the plays to win the game.**

As was the story all day, Karl "the Knight train" Knight broke free deep down the field and cinderella quarterback Calvin Zarin, replacing Richardson, found him in the endzone. This game-winning touchdown made the final score AD 22, TDX 20. The game was made even more exciting by what both TDX's Greg Ernstrom and AD's Sam Richardson called the "great rivalry" between AD and TDX. As Richardson said, TDX was a "tough and aggressive team," and it had seemed to many spectators that they would come away with the championship. Ernstrom commented that "Calvin Zarin and Karl Knight made the plays to win." Sean Donahue, AD brother/fan agreed, saying, "We're just smart enough to recruit 'em!"

Volleyball has good showing at final tournament of season

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to accomplish. This team took some very good teams, notably a Williams squad that was thought to be one of the best in the NESCAC, down to the wire in what may have been one of the team's best matches of the year. The team remained competitive all year long, which was one of the goals of Coach Robin Penoyer from the outset.

The volleyball team should prove to be a feared opponent in years to come, as they will only lose one player from this year's team, Jen Lentek '99. The loss of one player is very deceiving because Lentek is the team's leader. Accoding to O'Malley, "Jen is an all-around player. She has great volleyball skills and a great attitude, and her leadership abilities helped this team achieve its goals." Lentek will probably be most remembered for her upbeat nature and positive attitude. In fact if there was one thing that Lentek would want the team to remember it would be to "have fun while playing, and never let it not be fun."

Football Unplugged

Cont's ready for final game at Bates

*Continued from **Football**, page 20*

including a monster sack of quarterback Brian Coates in last week's loss. Defensive linemen Dan Cooney '00 and Dan Maunz '00 also showed that when given the chance they can produce on the field in key spots. Linebacker Mario Henderson '00 moved to linebacker this season from the safety position he played last year, and he showed his superb athleticism by continuing to play the pass effectively, albeit it at a new position.

But somehow with all of the skilled players on the Continental roster a victory has eluded this team for seven games. "Our lack of success is due to the fact that we are a young team, and we play in a very competitive league," said linebacker Keith Riccio '99, who like many players this week spoke honestly about the team's winless season. "We just don't have the horses anymore. We lost a lot of guys that we couldn't replace right away. We just didn't get the players in that we needed."

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"We haven't been able to make the big play all season, but we were able to get a lot of total yards," said Valenti. "The numbers look good on paper, but not the total points that we were able to put up, and that was everyone's fault, myself included, although there were some exceptions. I was able to make a lot of little plays, but I wasn't able to make any big plays."

The football team has players who individually are very talented, but for some reason have not been able to play as a cohesive unit. Riccio talked of his freshman and sophomore year when the Continentals finished 5-3 each season and beat Williams (1996) and Middlebury (1995). But this Continental team has eleven seniors now, including the team's best offensive lineman Clint Textor '99 and some of its leading defensive players, lineman Jim Davis, linebackers Adam Moscatel and Riccio, and of course outstanding wide-receivers Shawn Lyons and Valenti.

When writing this article, many players spoke candidly about what they felt has plagued their team this season. Some players felt that offensive coordinator Mike Davis has been too hard on quarterback Robbie Peters '00. Peters has improved tremendously in his junior season and will *only* get better. He will continue to improve with the help of a skilled supporting cast around him.

Peters has been pressured often in many games this season and has not had the time to throw effectively, and more importantly, consistently down the field over the course of the season.

Other Hamilton players believe that the team was never able to put together a "total game". In short, during some games (the loss to Tufts, for example) the offense put up 30 points, but the defense yielded 56. Likewise, there were games where the defense played exceptionally well, but the offense sputtered.

At 0-7 so far this season, a Continental victory over Bates would be very important to the program and its players. In the last six meetings against Bates, including last year's 17-7 Continental win at Steuben field, Hamilton has outscored the Bobcats 190-48. The Continentals have not lost to Bates under head coach Steve Frank. "A win over Bates would be tremendous, and I would love for us to get that victory for the seniors," Frank said. "It is also important for underclassmen to get to know the feeling of a victory."

Men's X-C looks towards Regionals

by Emily Hill '01
SPORTS WRITER

Following a superb 5th place finish at the NESCAC Championships, the men's cross-country team repeated this feat at the New York State meet at Saratoga State Park on Saturday. Battling thirteen other teams from around the state, including such powerhouses as St. Lawrence and RPI, the Hamilton men packed it together to obtain an impressive fifth place spot behind the aforementioned teams as well as Fredonia and RIT.

As Shane Tibbitts '01 put it, "Our performance at the NESCACs allowed us to go into the state meet with confidence, and we ended up with the best finish for Hamilton at states in about ten years."

The team was led by "Downtown" Sam Brown '01, who sustained a quick pace from the start of the 5-mile course to come in 22nd place. He just missed out on All State honors which were awarded to the top 21 finishers. Brown's very respectable time of 26:51 put him just ahead of Mac Weiss '02, who came in 31st place overall with a time of 27:11. Scott Taylor '01, finished third for Hamilton in 27:23 and came in 37th place. Next across the line for the Continentals was Steve Guditus '01 in a time of 27:38. He was closely followed by Tibbitts, who ran a 27:40. Co-captain Phil Jennings '99 and Karl Bressler '01 rounded out the top seven pack with 57th and 58th place respectively. While the team lacked runners in the top twenty, it made up for this by its tight top seven pack. The men have repeatedly proved that their strength lies in their close pack, and the meet last Saturday was no exception. The split between their first and seventh runner was just over a minute. This phenomenal closeness has been the key to the cross-country team's recent accomplishments, and will also play a big role in how they place this weekend at Regionals. Held at St.Lawrence, the Regional Championship is the last meet before NCAA's, and is where the best teams in the region converge to determine who is top dog. Only the top team in the region goes on to nationals, and while Hamilton is not a favorite, they have the potential to place high.

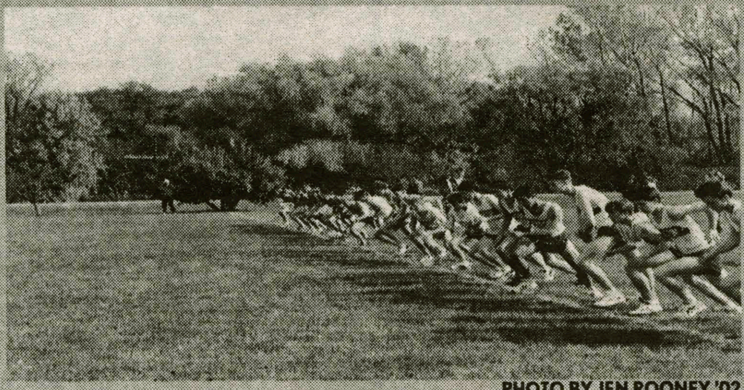


PHOTO BY JEN ROONEY '02

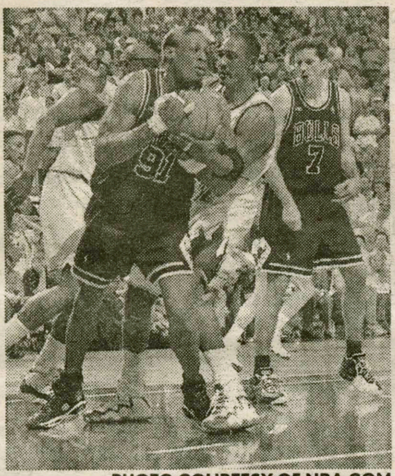
The men's cross country team gets off to a fast start.

Flutie, "Prime Time," and Rodman are they all hype?

Jed Barash

Sign Of The Times

It was only a week ago that Doug Flutie could have won an election as governor in New York. Remarkably, the Buffalo Bills quarterback led his team to five consecutive wins after their 0-3 start. On Sports Illustrated's cover, he was hailed as "Buffalo's Amazing Doug Flutie." He even had his own brand of cereal, "Flutie Flakes," selling out in Buffalo supermarkets. Clearly, he was the best thing to come along since running water. Then, last Sunday, much of the fanfare ended. Doug Flutie played horribly in a 34-12 loss against the New York Jets, a performance the New York Daily News called "An Exercise in Flutility." Why did the positive publicity end so quickly for a man who had played so well? The answer is simple. Doug Flutie, who was never more than a backup quarterback in the NFL, was the product of overpublicity, or "hype." Probably the most unnecessary phenomenon to enter the sports world in recent years, hype simply sensationalizes athletes, while distracting sports fans from the truth. Lately, the sports media has created other legendary figures simply through excessive publicity.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Dennis Rodman. His name alone is synonymous with hype. The basketball star is notorious for his unorthodox lifestyle and wild appearance, which includes tattoos, piercings, and dyed hair. Nearly everyone has heard of him. And yet, if you ask people about him, most have absolutely no idea how talented Rodman is. A five-time NBA champion, he has led the league in rebounding for the last seven seasons and has twice been voted NBA Defensive Player of the Year. All this might be common knowledge, but the media focuses more attention on Rodman's personal circus than on his achievements. Hype only clouds the perception of Dennis Rodman as a great basketball player.

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Dallas Cowboys defensive back "Neon" Deion Sanders welcomes hype like Macaulay Culkin welcomes acting jobs. Known for mostly his flashy and exuberant personality on and off the field, "Prime Time" has been recognized for everything from his wild touchdown celebrations to his short-lived rap career with M.C. Hammer. However, the media puts relatively little emphasis on the fact that Deion Sanders is one of the greatest athletes ever. In addition to being one of the best cornerbacks in NFL history, he is also an extremely talented wide receiver and kick returner. Further, it's easy to forget that Sanders was a successful major league baseball player for eight seasons and a great sprinter at Florida State University. In college, he once played in the first game of a baseball tournament, went to the track to run a race in his baseball pants, and then returned to the baseball field to get the game-winning hit in Florida State's second game of the day. However, we rarely hear such stories about his all-around athleticism, because the hype that surrounds Sanders distracts fans from his amazing accomplishments.

Distraction is the most dangerous weapon of boxer "Prince" Naseem Hamed, the WBO featherweight champion of the world. While Hamed has compiled a 31-0 record, it has been against weak opposition. However, from the hype which engulfs his fights, you'd never know it. Hamed's ring entrances are ridiculous displays with budgets that rival those of some small third world countries. On Halloween night for example, Hamed entered the arena in a cemetery scene complete with tombstones, skulls, fog machines, and a light show. But the spectacle did not end there. As in most of his fights, Hamed spent the night showboating for the crowd before defeating his mediocre opponent in a lackluster effort. Apparently, most people cannot see through the hype, because Hamed is an international superstar.

In the end, we can see that hype has no practical purpose. It is hollow, superficial publicity, which in many cases only serves to divert our attention away from our original focus- sports themselves. So the next time someone tells you, "Don't believe the hype," you just might want to listen.

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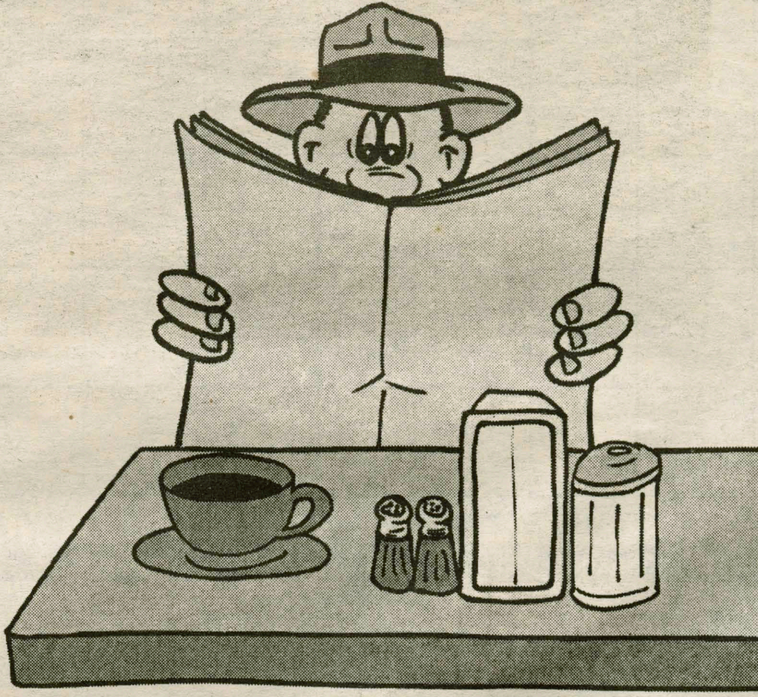

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Patriots at Bills 11/15	Patriots	Bills	Patriots	Patriots	Bills
Dolphins at Panthers 11/15	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
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Bengals at Vikings 11/15	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
Rams at Saints 11/15	Rams	Saints	Saints	Saints	Rams
Steelers at Oilers 11/15	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Packers at Giants 11/15	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers
Broncos at Chiefs 11/16	Broncos	Chiefs	Broncos	Broncos	Chiefs
College Football					
Northwestern at Penn. St. 11/14	Nitany Lions	Nitany Lions	Nitany Lions	Nitany Lions	Nitany Lions
Wisconsin at Michigan 11/14	Badgers	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines
Arkansas at Tennessee 11/14	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Razorbacks
UCLA at Washington 11/14	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins

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Pro Sports Roundup

Baseball

Yankee fans, get used to hearing this: "Now batting for the Diamondbacks, **Bernie Williams**." With Arizona reportedly offering Bernie **Mike Piazza**-esque numbers and the New York media calling the AL Batting Champ a good—not great—player, its all but certain that Williams will be reunited with his old skipper **Buck Showalter**. But have no fear all you pinstripe fans. Rest assured that the Boss will do everything in his power to make sure his boy wonder GM replaces Bernie's bat in the Yankee lineup.

And while we're at it, all you Red Sox fans will have to get used to hearing **Mo Vaughn**'s name called for a different team. Vaughn and the Sox have appeared to agree to part ways leaving Boston fans to wonder why. All season the contract talks have been a mini-soap opera in Boston. First Mo said he wasn't coming back next year. Then the season ended and he said he wanted to stay in Beantown. In fact, he stated that he would take less money from the Sox than other teams were offering.

DAVE BOLGER
A VIEW FROM THE BLEACHERS

Then along came the Angels and their six year, $72 million offer. The Sox came back with a five year, $60 million proposal (what they called their final offer). One would expect the slugger to accept the offer after what he said. Well, he didn't. He refused the offer and says he'll look for work elsewhere. Sounds like maybe Mo is to blame for this departure. But then again this is Dan Duquette we're talking about. Red Sox fans still haven't forgiven him for letting **Roger Clemens** get away.

Like the Yankees, you can bet the Sox will go out and try to replace Vaughn's big bat. One name that's being thrown around is **Albert Belle**. Belle could have fun hitting in Fenway. A few blasts over the Green Monster and the Boston faithful might forget Vaughn. Belle, or anyone for that matter, can't replace Vaughn in the Boston community. Mo has become a fixture in Boston, heading numerous charities and children organizations. The city loves that man. He may be replaced on the field, but he'll be missed off the field.

Basketball

As each day goes by, its looking more and more like there will be no NBA this year. The mudslinging and name calling that has been going on has made this look like D'Amato/Schumer II. **David Stern** and **Billy Hunter** need to spend less time bashing each other in the press and more time trying to bang out a deal.

About the only thing good to come out of this lockout, besides Kenny Anderson making himself look like a fool, are those "Please come back" commercials. In fact, I almost wish the league doesn't start play. Those commercials are more entertaining than most regular season NBA games anyway.

What is wrong with **Karl Malone**? The power forward said on his radio talk show this week that he wants out of Utah. He went on for almost five minutes demanding a trade saying he can no longer play in Utah. He conveniently mentions that he doesn't want to play for many teams, but the Lakers are a team he'd love to play for, and ironically enough, his show is based in LA. Perhaps the Mailman has learned already that you need high ratings to be successful in radio.

This whole thing just seems like a ploy by the WCW star to get a better contract from the Jazz as his has only one year left. But if he does what to play for the Lakers, he'd fit right in. They already have a big mouth who can't win in Shaq.

Hockey

Sixteen goals in two games? And you say the New York Rangers were the ones to do this? Could it be the Blueshirts have broken out of their offensive slump and are in fact a force to be reckoned with? In a word—NO!

When **Todd Harvey** is your leading goal scorer, you know you're in trouble. The Rangers have the best player ever to put on skates who in his late thirties is still better than most players in the league. Wayne Gretzky could make me look like a goal scorer and that's basically what he's been forced to do.

If the Rangers want to have any chance to make the playoffs, **Neil Smith** needs to go get a scorer for #99 to work with. If not, its going to be a long year in MSG-land. And while we're talking about Mr. Smith. Its amazing how long he's been able to survive. In a city where they call for your head if you lose one game, Smith has done nothing but give away the future since winning the cup in 1994. If he doesn't do something soon, look for the angry mob to form.

Perhaps the success of **Doug Flutie** has inspired him, or maybe he just misses the game. Whatever the reason, **Cam Neely** is trying to comeback with the Boston Bruins. Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't this the same Cam Neely who could barely walk from a hip injury a few years ago? Neely's a great player and its great to see him back on the ice. But let's hope he doesn't do something stupid.

Billiards

Yes, that's right, billiards! With the debate raging over Andro and other muscle building drugs, its worth mentioning that the sacred sport of Billiards has been tarnished. A member of the Japanese Billiards team tested positive this week for a muscle building drug and had been removed from the team. Will the madness ever end?!?!

PHOTO BY JEN ROONEY '02

The Women's Cross Country gathers after another sucessful meet.

Women's XC finishes second

by Michael Everhart'02
SPORTS WRITER

After a frustrating finish at the NESCAC Championships on November 1, the women's cross-country team had a great meet this past Saturday at the NYSCTC Championships in Saratoga. The team finished second to SUNY Geneseo.

PHOTO BY JEN ROONEY '02

The women's cross country team had a great showing this last week.

Tri-captain Tara Woolford '99 and Maggie Hanson '02 finished second and third with times of 18:19 and 18:22, respectively, behind Geneseo's Kirsten Doehler, who was nine seconds in front of Woolford.

"We went into this race knowing we could finish in the top four, and we did just that with our second place finish. This was a great chance to see some of the competition we will face next week at NCAA Regionals. We know we will have to run even stronger next weekend, because only two teams will advance to the National meet. We're planning to go in with a positive attitude, and with a little more of a push, I know we can do it."

Woolford, Hanson, and Katie Wasilenko '99 received all-state honors with their times.

Wasilenko '99 finished eighteenth overall and third on the team with a time of 18:56. "The meet this week went 100 times better than last week. Almost everyone had personal best times; it was a good morale booster. Now it's time to focus on our next challenge — Regionals."

The next two runners were Annie Toth '02 and Emily Hill '01, who finished thirty-fifth and thirty-seventh with times of 19:36 and 19:39, respectively. Hill said, "The meet went really well. However, while it was exciting to come in second overall, we have to beat Geneseo next week if we want to go to Nationals. We were very close to them, and if everyone runs well, we have a definite shot at it. I thought the team ran well as a whole, and the fact that Tara [Woolford] and Maggie [Hanson] came in second and third in the state meet is phenomenal."

Sarah Lichtenstein '02 finished in forty-sixth place in a time of 19:53. "I think we performed well, both as a team and as individuals. We had three runners in the top 20, which says a lot for the depth of the team. We're definitely prepared for Regionals next week, and will hopefully do just as well there."

Katie McAuliffe '99 rounded out the top seven with a time of 20:12, finishing fifty-seventh. Jenn Rooney '02, Ulana Farmiga '02, and Marika Geertz '01 finished 83rd, 100th, and 107th with times of 21:05, 22:14, and 22:53, respectively.

Hill said, "Last Saturday's meet was one of the most competive of the season. Although we didn't keep our pack together as well as in past meets, we had some great individual performances. Our hard work has truly paid off this season."

Hamilton must come in either first or second place at Regionals, which will be held at St. Lawrence University tomorrow, to go as a team to the NCAA Championships at Dickinson College.

The women will be battling with Geneseo, SUNY Cortland, and Plattsburgh for the two qualifying spots. The last time they qualified as a team was in 1995. An additional three runners will also advance. Regionals includes all the teams that were at the NYSCTC Championships, plus an additional five or six teams this will make qualifiying this weekend very difficult.

Athlete Spotlight:

Jen Lentek '99

by W.S. Hadala III '00
SPORTS WRITER

As the Captain of the Hamilton College Women's Volleyball team Jen led a young squad to a successful season, by getting the eight freshman to perform at high level of intensity. This season the Lady Conts' team goal was to win a lot of games, and to nurture the younger players to the high level of NESCAC competitors. Jen also kept up her steady play at Outside Hitter (which is the spiker). It was her consistent play, coupled with her steady "kill" output and improved defense that made her a mainstay on the court, and a mentor to the younger Conts. Talking about the sport her father taught her, Jen said"that this offseason she dedicated herself to improving her defense, especially digs." When asked about the other sports she has competed in, Jen said that although she may have had fun playing other sports her true love is Volleyball. She showed this by emphatically stating: "Through thick and thin volleyball has always been good to me, and I've always dreamed of playing beach volleyball professionally." Jen has had many honors throughout her volleyball career. She has been selected to the All-NESCAC team the two previous seasons and expects to be selected this season. In addition to being selcted All-NESCAC, Jen has been honored by being chosen to many different all-tournament teams. This season alone she was selected to multiple teams, among others the UCAA-All-Tournament Team and the Hamilton Invitational All-Tournament Team. In addition to be being a great athlete on the court,

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Jen Lentek '99, *The Spec's* athlete spotlight.

Jen is a star in the classroom, which has lead to her being named to NESCAC All-Academic Team the last two seasons. When asked what her career highlight was, Jen spoke proudly about how her sophomore year the team made ECAC's for the first time in Hamilton Women's Volleyball history. Jen has been a star athlete in many sports here at Hamilton; in addition to playing volleyball, Jen also participated on the track team as freshman, and the crew team for two years as a sophomore and a junior. The Corning, New York native has not only been successful here at Hamilton, in high school, while playing for the Corning Painted Post East High team she was selected to the ALL-STC team (Southern Tier Conference) two years in a row.

Jen enjoys many different activities. She loves hiking, mountain biking, and traveling. But her favorite activity stems from a trip to Australia. Jen worked her way to advanced underwater scuba diving here at Hamilton, and when she traveled to Australia she had the honor of diving on the world's most beautiful reef, The Great Barrier Reef. She also dove on the world renowned shipwreck, the *Yongala*. Jen said that diving gave her "an incredible rush" and she loved "the peacefulness of being underwater." She also enjoys the sounds of U2, although her favorite concert was the Indigo Girls at Canadaigua a couple of years ago. Jen's favorite food is hot fudge brownie sundaes which she would love to eat watching one of her two favorite movies, "Billy Madison" or "As Good As It Gets." But, Jen's favorite dream is of herself at Wheeler Reef Kay, her favorite beach that is located in Australia, on the beach island that appears at low tide playing professional beach volleyball. Sounds like a wet dream!

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SPORTS

Coach Frank: “We don’t have good enough players”

Football team embarrassed by Middlebury 42-7

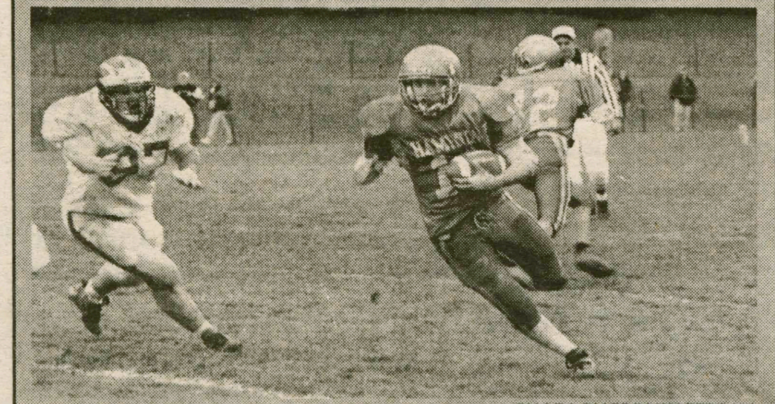


PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Chris McCarthy '02 scampers into the endzone for a score.

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

The football team’s 42-7 loss to Middlebury was embarrassing. There is no way to sugarcoat Hamilton’s fourth home loss of the season. The Continentals gave the Panthers everything they had, but fundamental mistakes and turnovers came early and often and killed any chance of a Continental victory, as the team dropped to 0-7. The Continentals will try to salvage what is left of their season on Saturday when they travel to Bates.

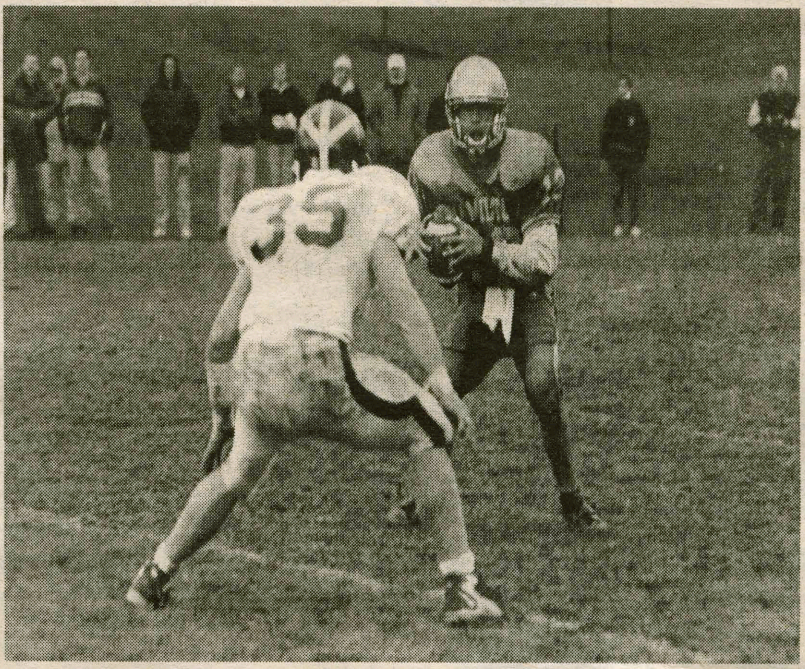
“We don’t have good enough players,” said head football coach Steve Frank, after the team’s latest loss this past weekend. “There is not enough size on either line. Every team is bigger and stronger than we are. Everyone is working to full capacity, but sometimes that’s just not enough. We need a huge recruiting effort so that we can increase our size and strength. We need to get guys in here who are bigger and stronger. But I make no apologies for this season because the coaches and kids are working really hard.”

Frank continued, “Our kids are winners anyway, because they dare to do things, giving time, effort, and energy, and most importantly working to be good students.”

The Continentals played their worst game of the season against Middlebury. The scene at Steuben field was similar to other home games this season. On a cold, rainy day on their home field, the football team trailed Middlebury 28-0 at halftime. The Continentals allowed Middlebury 266 yards of total offense in the first half, while the Panthers held the Continentals to a mere seventy yards. The Continentals defense was simply overpowered by the size of Middlebury’s offensive line.

Middlebury’s running game was fast and furious. The Continental defensive line could not stop the Panther ground attack, nor could they stop Middlebury quarterback Brian Coates who threw for 123 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone.

There have been many bright spots this season, including running back Chris McCarthy ’02. He rushed for 81 yards, including a touchdown and caught four balls for 41 yards in the loss to Middlebury. McCarthy has had a phenomenal rookie season leading the team with five touchdowns. When asked if he ever thought his freshman season would turn out so well, the Sommerville, Massachusetts native said “I didn’t expect any of this, because I thought I’d be behind Karl Knight. But when he couldn’t play, they gave me a chance, and I just tried to do my best.”



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Quarterback Robbie Peters '00 has improved tremendously this season, but would be even better if he had more time to throw the ball.

McCarthy has not been the only young player to rise to the occasion this year. Running back Charles Martin ’02 has not been used enough in the offense. Martin’s speed could be utilized more often and hopefully that will happen next season.

The wide-receiver position will have a plethora of talented returning players next season. Jordan Alaimo ’00, Mike Feuerstein ’01, Frank Vinci ’01, and Jay Morrell ’02 will all have a legitimate chance of starting. “Those guys will all battle next year and step it up,” said wide-receiver Kelby Valenti ’99. “Jay is going to be real good, and he’s definitely better than I was my freshman year.”

On the defensive side of the ball, the Continentals have some promising rookies. Linebackers Harry Hristoforoltos ’02 and Ryan Nolan ’02 have gained valuable experience this season and have contributed solid tackling and overall smart play. The secondary, which received criticism earlier in the year, has improved greatly with more experience coming with each game.

And there have been many returning sophomore and junior players who have improved greatly since last season. Scott DeBruin ’00 was given a starting job a few weeks ago and has impressed fellow players, coaches, and fans. Defensive End Ron Thomas ’01 leads the team with three-and-a-half sacks,

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Volleyball team puts up a fight at NESCAC's

by David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

Hamilton’s Volleyball team participated in the NESCAC Tournament this past weekend at Colby. The team came out very strong in their first round match on Friday afternoon against Wesleyan. This match was a grueling two and a half hour, five set match, which emotionally, mentally, and physically drained the players from both teams. The match was very hotly contested, but in the end the Continentals came up short and lost the match three games to two, game score were 15-9, 7-15, 15-9, 12-15, 15-7. The Continentals were then placed in the consolation bracket and were to face Colby next. Korey O’Malley ’00 said of the Wesleyan match, “We felt as though we were a better team than then [Wesleyan], we really should have beat then but we just did not come through in the last set.”

In the next match the women played a very competitive team from Colby. Unfotunately the Continentals did not play up to their capability in this match. It was almost as though the team was so overwhelmed from the intensity and emotion from the previous days match against Wesleyan that they were just not up to par. The team lost the match to Colby by a score of three games to one (15-14, 15-5, 12-15, 15-7). Althogh the Continentals made an early exit in the competition, they did not go home empty handed, Heather Onderick ’02 was rewarded for her excellent play in the tournament by being named to the All-Tournament Team.

Two words could characterize this season “rebuilding year,” as the Continental volleyball team was young and inexperienced. Jen Lentek ‘99 felt that the beginning of this volleyball season “did not seem very bright, but as the season went on,” she continued, “we won more games and became more experienced.” This experience helped to give the Continentals more confidence in playing with the conferences more experienced teams. Lentek continued by saying that she has enjoyed playing in the NESCAC conference because “there is never a dull moment . . . the players and coaches are all good, this is what makes the conference so tough.” But, as always, Lentek takes a postive attitude towards things and sees playing in the NESCAC as an advantage for the team as they will improve more in the longrun.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Jen Lentek '99 serves up yet another winner in a recent volleyball match.

In talking with co-captain O’Malley ’00, she felt improvement in the team’s overall volleyball skills and the team chemistry. In fact she felt that the key reason that this team had the success it did was because of the fact that the team became so close. They were able to understand where they were going and where they had come from. Many people may use youth and inexperience as an excuse for losing, but this may have become one of this team’s greatest assets. This youthfulness helped the team become a closer unit, more able to rely on each other’s strengths and weaknesses.

This team was expected to have a shaky season because of its youth, but a 9-15 season may be way over what the team was expected

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- Quarterback Sam Richardson leads Alpha Delta Phi to its second straight intramural football title, see page 16.